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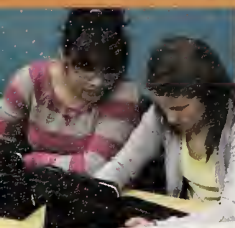
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## JIM MILLER'S COACHING LEGACY

*"When I came here, I just wanted to win one, and I still do. **The next one.**"*



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# WARTBURG

## — IN THE NEWS —



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### Recyclemania pays off

Wartburg won the \$2,500 first prize for Most Improved Paper Recycling in the 12th annual RecycleMania Tournament during the event that spanned February and March.

The category compared results from the first and second four-week periods in the Competition Division. The college was No. 8 in recycling corrugated cardboard.

### Honors roll on for 6th time

For the sixth consecutive year, Wartburg was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The honor roll recognized institutions of higher education for their support of volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

### Walker is top worker

Christina Walker '12, of Aurora, Colo., student manager and assistant technical director for Wartburg College's Technical Productions, was named Iowa Student Employee of the Year by the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators.

### Doctorates by the half dozen

Six members of the Wartburg faculty and staff earned doctoral degrees this spring: Dr. Lizabeth Gehring, visiting assistant professor of English education; Dr. Christine Schafer, college librarian and director of Vogel Library; Dr. Stephanie TeKippe, interim assistant dean for academic affairs; Dr. Bill Soesbe, assistant professor of education; Dr. Michael Gleason, Pathways associate for vocation and mentoring; and Dr. Margaret Empie, director of dining services.

### Biermann is dean of the faculty



Biermann

Dr. Mark Biermann is the new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. Biermann previously served as dean of the School of Natural and Applied Sciences at Taylor (Ind.) University, an interdenominational Christian college ranked No. 1 for the past five years among Midwest Regional Colleges in the *U.S. News and World Report College Guide*.

"I resonate strongly with Wartburg College's commitment to diversity, global citizenship, and local community engagement. I have led successful initiatives in each of these areas and am prepared to provide leadership in these areas at an institutional level," Biermann said.

### Annual Fund sets new record



Beck

Wartburg College officials conveyed a big "thank you" to donors as the Annual Fund drive concluded with a record \$1,174,090.37.

Jeff Beck '01, director of Alumni/Parent Relations and Annual Giving, said 3,877 alumni, 905 parents, and 798 friends had contributed as the drive surpassed its \$1.15 million goal.

"The benefit of the Annual Fund is that the gifts are completely unrestricted, meaning the college can spend that money where the greatest need is," he said.

The Board of Regents' "Leading the Way" matching challenge of \$250,000 helped spur new and increased donations. Funds were raised through two main components — KnightCallers and development officers. KnightCallers raised nearly \$450,000, with much of it going to the Annual Fund.

### Ensembles in the spotlight



Nelson



Andrews

The North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association selected the Wartburg Choir and the Castle Singers to perform at its regional conference in Madison, Wis., Feb. 10-12. The choir, directed by Dr. Lee Nelson, associate professor of music, was among three college choirs, a youth choir and a youth orchestra performing *To Be Certain of the Dawn: A Holocaust Memorial*

*Oratorio*, in the spotlight concert. The Castle Singers, directed by Dr. Jane Andrews, professor of music, were the only jazz ensemble to perform in an individual concert.

### Peers Honor Sassman



Sassman

Jen Sassman, director of financial aid, was the recipient of the 2011-12 John Heisner Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award from the Iowa Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. The award — the highest honor bestowed upon a member — exemplifies the ideals of service to the profession, support of colleagues, and advocacy for students.

### Torkelson elected to MTNA board



Torkelson

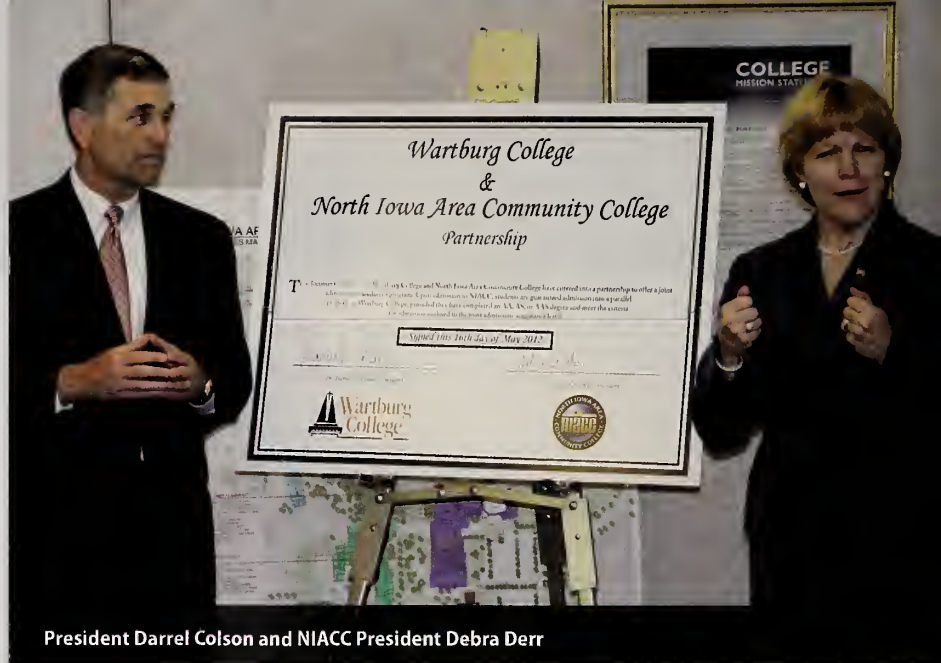
Dr. Suzanne Torkelson was elected to the Music Teachers National Association board of directors from the West Central division — the first Wartburg national board member and the first from Iowa in 20 years.

### Wartburg, NIACC partnership set

Wartburg College and North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City have developed a new joint admissions and enrollment program. Students admitted to NIACC are guaranteed admission into a parallel program at Wartburg once they have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Applied Science degree and meet admissions criteria.

Wartburg President Dr. Darrel Colson said, "We want to provide a seamless transition from the community college environment to the Wartburg environment."

NIACC has co-enrollment programs with all three state universities, but this is its first with a private college.



President Darrel Colson and NIACC President Debra Derr



## HOMECOMING + FAMILY WEEKEND DATES SET

The theme for the 2012 Wartburg Homecoming, Oct. 18-21, will be "True Life: I'm a Knight," fashioned after the MTV show "True Life."

The classes celebrating reunions during the festivities will be '07, '02, '97, '92, '87, '82, '77, '72, '67, and Golden Knights — '62, '57, and '52. More information will be available at [www.wartburg.edu/homecoming](http://www.wartburg.edu/homecoming) in August.

Family Weekend will be Oct. 12-14, culminating with Simon Estes' "Roots and Wings" concert to raise scholarship funds. The Wartburg Choir and a Bremer County high school honor choir also will perform.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Benson

### Benson is 'poster' girl

The Council of Undergraduate Research recognized MacKenzie Benson '12 of Cedar Rapids for social sciences research methods. She presented "The Role of Gender in Civic Engagement among Students Attending Private Colleges," April 23-24, at "Posters on the Hill" at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.



Fristad

### Fristad is Newman Civic Fellow

Bethany Fristad '13, of Sartell, Minn., was named one of 160 Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellows. Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents committed to civic purposes of higher education. Fristad created 'Fireflies' "to bring hope and joy to children living in impoverished communities by providing them with small treasures," initially soccer balls and baby dolls she took to Sierra Leone, Africa, but now medical supplies and other provisions as well.



Granath

### Student media award abound

Wartburg communication arts students won first places for overall excellence and four other top honors among 20 awards in April from the Society for Collegiate Journalists. *The Trumpet* captured first place in the Newspaper Overall Excellence weekly category, while KWAR-FM took first for Radio News Show Overall Excellence. WTV's Shelby Granath '13 of Rockford, Ill., had two firsts and a second, Andrew Bridgewater '12 of Van Horne had a first and two seconds. KWAR's Tristan Gardner '13 of Milo took a first. Granath won an excellence in editing award in the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Upper Midwest student competition — among WTV's 10 nominations (four for Granath).



Fredricks

### Fredricks strikes gold twice

Krista Fredricks '12 won Gold ADDYs — the top prize in a category — in both the student and professional divisions at the annual American Advertising Federation — Cedar Valley contest in February.





Schwarzenbach (left), Bahr (right)

### Book it! 77 years of experience

Bookstore manager Arlene Schwarzenbach of Cedar Falls and assistant manager Carol Bahr of Waverly, an employee for 50 years, have retired.

"I think I was here with the covered wagons," joked Bahr '62. "It's been a great job and I've loved every minute of it."

"My mission and passion is the college-age student," said Schwarzenbach, the manager since 1989. "That's why I started here, that's what's kept me here all these years. And then the great memories with faculty and staff are like icing on the cake."

### Seminary bound

Ten Wartburg College graduates are entering seminary this fall, which Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, professor of religion and chair of the religion and philosophy department, calls "extraordinary."

Four from the Class of 2012 are bound for Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Daniel Hanson, Cedar Falls; Eric Thiele, Rothschild, Wis.; and Laura Gehring, Ames, have full-ride Presidential Scholarships, while Carrie Smisek, Lonsdale, Minn., has a Trustee Scholarship. Alumni receiving Presidential Scholarships are Jessica Schenk '11, Canon City, Colo., and Jessi LeClear Vachta '08, Cresco. Steven Ketchum '08, Chatfield, Minn., also has been admitted, and Jacob Sorenson '02, Ferryville, Wis., will enter the Ph.D. program.

Kathryn Shevel '12 of Storm Lake will attend Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Maggie Ernst '12, of Sibley, is headed to Fuller Theological Seminary in Seattle.

Barb Jones DePenning '79 will pursue her Master of Divinity degree at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. Two of her three daughters, Elizabeth '11 and Laura '14, are also Wartburgers.

## FINCHAMP GOES HOLLYWOOD

With Collegehumor

by Kristine Milbrandt '14



Finchamp

Whether it's interviewing Sunset Strip locals or following a Tebow-ing student around campus, Trevor Finchamp '12 has a knack for comedy.

That earned him a coveted internship with the popular comedy website, CollegeHumor, from May Term into the summer.

Finchamp, a communication arts major from Altadena, Calif., with communication design and leadership minors, worked as a production assistant intern at the website's studio in Los Angeles, where it produces original daily videos and articles.

Finchamp writes his own sketches and enjoys filming practical jokes, such as "ghost-walking," in which a "ghost-walker" closely follows a passerby for as long as possible without being noticed.

As the executive producer for the past four years of Wartburg TV's *Late Knight*, he wrote and directed various comedy sketches available on YouTube and did short films and documentaries.

"Trevor is a passionate, creative professional who has a love for sketch comedy," said Travis Bockenstedt, Wartburg Television adviser. "This internship is a perfect fit for him to meet industry professionals and, hopefully, unlock some doors so he can live out his dreams."

His work hasn't been confined to humor. He was nominated in the student division of the Upper Midwest region of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his documentary on poverty in the Dominican Republic.

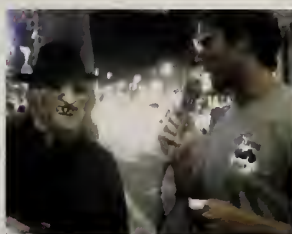
"I challenged him to take his creative abilities to another level by seeking outside peer review — film, documentary festivals — but that's because I expect that level of work from him," said Dr. Bill Withers, professor of communication arts.

Finchamp's 10-minute film, *Fired*, was selected for presentation at the Awareness Film Festival in Los Angeles in May. Befitting his out-of-the-box perspective, *Fired* features Finchamp playing "God," facing termination from a board of directors because Earth is no longer profitable. Wartburg students, faculty, and staff are in the cast.

Finchamp is glad he made his trek from Southern California to Waverly for college. "I saw they had a great communications department, and I would have a lot of opportunities, so I went for it. I haven't regretted it for a second," Finchamp said.

"I knew since it was a smaller school, I would have more opportunities to work hands-on and really expand what I do versus the cut-throat, competitive environments at California film schools."

➤ Trevor's work can be viewed on his website [www.etcfilms.org](http://www.etcfilms.org) or by scanning the QR code below on your smartphone.



Finchamp interviews costumed guests on the street.



# Taking Stock

Portfolio Management students reap rewards for methodical investment practices

by Saul Shapiro

The students in Professor Paul Magnall's Portfolio Management course were immersed in a discussion about TNT in Europe during a mid-February class.

No, not dynamite, but a Netherlands-based package shipping service, which rejected a \$6.43 billion takeover bid by United Parcel Service to broaden its presence on the continent.

UPS is not in the course's Corporation Education Day Fund portfolio, but FedEx is. That raised concerns for Hollis Hanson-Pollock '13 from Mingo as students analyzed developments among their holdings.

"If UPS buys it, FedEx may be boxed out of the European market for awhile," Hanson-Pollock said. "UPS has 9 percent of the European market, TNT has 18 percent and FedEx only has 2 percent."

A month later, TNT accepted UPS' bid of \$6.8 billion, and analysts echoed Hanson-Pollock's perception.

The Corporation Education Day Fund dates back to 1969 when the late Dr. Mel Kramer '52,

then chair of the business administration and economic department, persuaded 10 Cedar Valley businesses to contribute \$1,000 each.

"Mel Kramer's idea was that if the businesses gave the money, he would pull them together every year around a business topic," Magnall said. "He thought that way he could get them involved with Wartburg and they would interact with the students periodically."

The annual Corporation Education Day is subsidized by the portfolio. The seed money of \$10,000 has grown to nearly \$832,600 without other money added and with expenses incurred. Almost 4.5 percent annually (\$34,000 in 2011-12) goes to the college endowment and similar accounts, while another \$38,389 last year subsidized Corporation Education Day and student-related work.

Kramer managed the investments until 1985, when students from Phi Beta Lambda, the business honor society, inherited holdings valued at \$77,175. Six years later, the Portfolio Management course began — open to any student — with \$172,925.

"The motivation was that every person is probably going to have to manage their

retirement money," Magnall said. "Things are changing so that instead of a pension, you're going to have to rely on self-directed retirement."

But no "day traders" need enroll. "The students only make transactions once per semester," Magnall said. "I was trying to avoid playing a stock market game where you make trades every week. If they spend a lot of time analyzing an investment, they have a pretty good idea whether it's a good thing or not. Too many people trade on gut instincts or first reactions."

Each student follows three stocks in the portfolio — assigned by lottery — and two other companies of their choosing. "They are supposed to be reading the *Wall Street Journal* or finding articles about these companies," Magnall said.

"They are amazed to find out about new products, changes in administrations, and lawsuits," he added.

"It's important to understand what's happening now, because the financials are all these things that happened back then. We have to project the future."

At the end of the semester, the student "analysts" make presentations to convince



Hanson-Pollock



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— Paul Magnall



their peers about stocks to buy or sell.

Investments have included \$4,000 in Microsoft that has grown to \$40,000 and \$17,000 in Apple that is nearly \$100,000 — or more than 10 percent of the portfolio, which may prompt selling shares.

"Sometimes a company becomes too much of your overall portfolio," Magnall said. "You want to diversify your risk."

Most of the investments are blue chips on the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ. Some may be more pragmatic than prominent.

Magnall recalled, "In 2010 we were looking at Verizon and other cell phone providers when someone said, 'What about the people who put up the towers?' So we bought American Tower, which leases towers. It makes no difference to them who the provider is. They get their money anyway. We bought it for \$12,000, and it was up to \$19,000 in two years."

Even when an investment is going awry, patience rules, no matter the cost. "That's what happened with Hydrogen Engine (a once-promising Iowa-based manufacturer of engines that run on alternative fuels)," Magnall said. "If we could have done

something with it, we could have made a lot of money, but my rule is that it has to go two years. Sometimes that hurts. Our term horizon is not the next year, but three to five years out."

Yet portfolio managers were sufficiently prescient to shed most dot.com stocks prior to the 2000 bubble — save for Amazon and eBay — and big banks before the 2008 financial sector collapse. They have been rewarded with above-average results.

In the 27 years of student-directed decisions, they've beaten the Dow Jones Industrial Average 15 times and the Standard & Poor 500 17 times, lagging both on only eight occasions.

"Since 1991," Magnall said, "for every dollar we invested, we now have \$11. If you had put that money into Dow Jones, it would have been \$10 and the S&P \$7."

Magnall implores the students to look at the big picture.


"I have students evaluate the decisions that students before them made. They'll say, 'They did a fantastic job. They bought this one and this one.' But I'll tell them, 'Remember, they had to sell something, and if those had gone up more, they made a bad decision.'"

Hanson-Pollock bought into that approach.

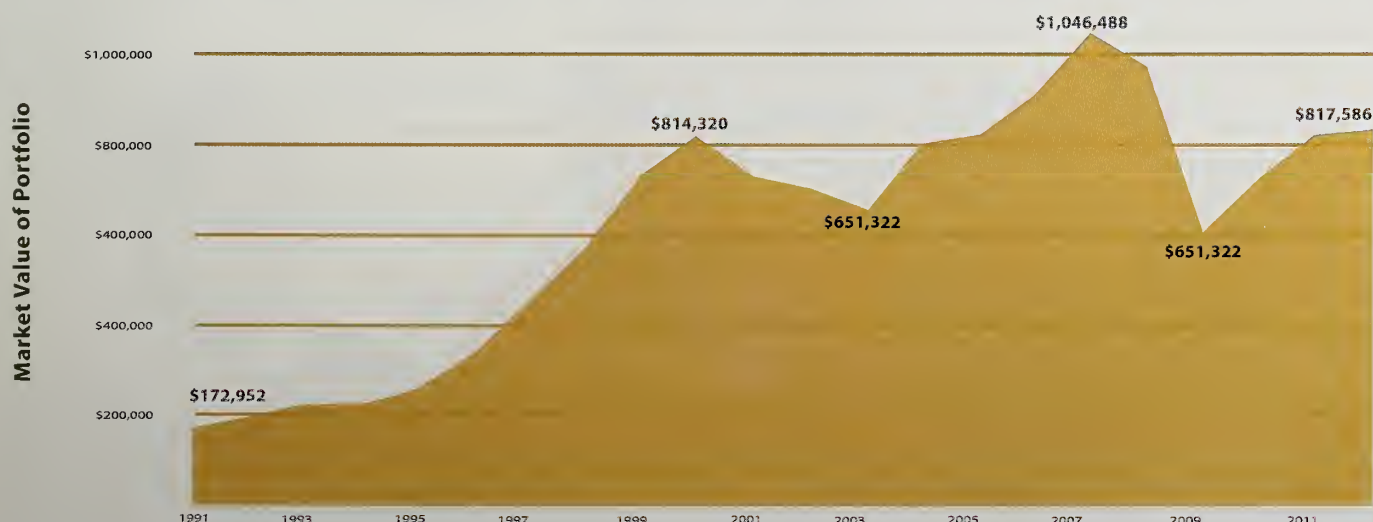
"An important thing that I took away is the importance of patience in investing," she said. "In the future, I'll invest in corporations that I really have faith in based on their potential longevity and ethics. Sometimes short-term numbers can be misleading, so it's important to take the time to research a company before investing."

Magnall, who retired in June after 29 years at Wartburg, was adamant that his charges maintain focus.

"I had one student in the Nineties who asked, 'Why don't we just liquidate the whole fund and buy a franchise like Taco Bell and put it in Waverly?' I said, 'I don't want to run a business. You're only going to be here for a year or two. Somebody else is going to have to manage this long after you're gone,'" he recalled.

Next year, Dr. Scott Fullwiler, associate professor of economics and James Leach Chair in Banking and Monetary Economics, will manage the Corporation Education Day Fund. 

## Wartburg College Corporation Education Day Fund Values, 1991-2012





# Business Learning 3.0



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## Advisory board fundraising helps department keep pace with technology

by Saul Shapiro

**K**eeping ahead of the curve in business is a matter of survival. Keeping a college business program from becoming real-world challenged because of constantly changing technology and global forces also is a formidable task.

Wartburg's National Business Advisory Board didn't want the latter scenario unfolding here. So it challenged the business administration and economics department to develop a budget proposal to procure the resources necessary to keep pace with the times.

Then it helped kick off a fundraising campaign by contributing more than half of the \$110,000 goal.

"Our advisory board wanted to be supportive of ensuring that every business, accounting and econ student had access to the same level of technology that they would experience in the workplace," said Kim Folkers, associate professor of marketing and department chair.

The advisory committee felt a sense of urgency, according to Michael Crawford '91, its chair and chief operating officer of the MED Alliance Group, a St. Charles,

Ill., medical device distributor.

"It is critical to have a learning environment that integrates technology, and the fact that technology is changing so rapidly is a planning, budgeting, and integration challenge," he said.

Board members determined a short-term fundraising initiative would help the program acquire the most critical technologies immediately. The faculty came up with a no-frills wish list.

Yet as soon as it was developed, needs changed.

"At the time the original proposal was written, there were no iPads in it, just laptops," Folkers recalled. "Two years later, the technology had evolved. Everybody had been saying, 'The iPad is going to be this plaything.' But any number of corporations have moved toward the iPad as essential in what they do."

The business advisory board made sure the department's effort was not merely an academic exercise by contributing more than \$55,000.

Folkers appreciates that commitment.

"They jumped in and said, 'We want to help make this happen. We want to advocate for this, not just verbally but financially,'" Folkers said. "That's huge. That's such a boost to any department when you have an advisory board that feels so strongly about the work that it's willing not only to endorse it, but to support it financially."

The new moveable furniture has been a hit with faculty. According to Dr. Julie Kliegl, assistant professor of business administration, "It has really given us flexibility to teach in different modes — small- or large-group settings or a seminar format."

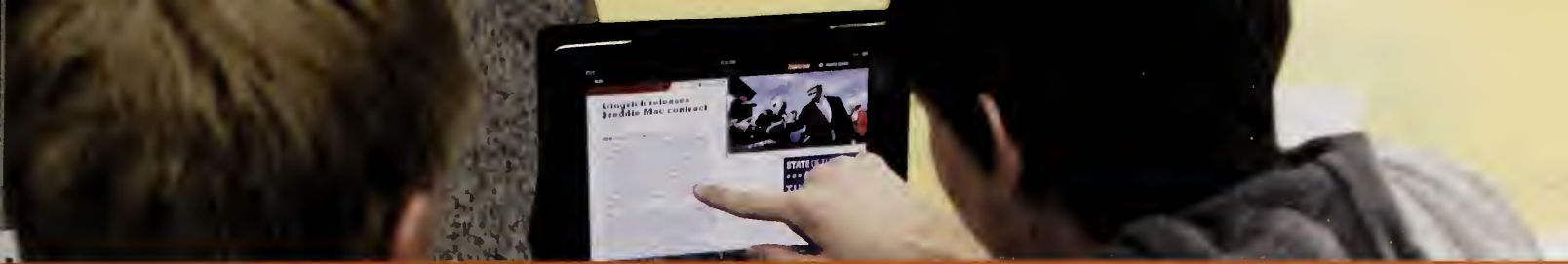
"When the furniture is fixed to the ground or in the form of a traditional desk, the environment is limited to traditional lecture format," she said. "We have sound research that shows other forms of instruction can be more effective. In the case of business, it is also more representative of how learning and development are accomplished in the workplace."

The traditional classroom, Folkers said, has become outdated.



Dr. Julie Kliegl made immediate use of the new technology and furniture available because of the Business 3.0 fundraising initiative.





"We're all working toward that ideal of interactivity, real-time information at the students' fingertips," she remarked. "In the past, we've had the classroom where students come in, are presented with one-way communication of information and data, then they go away from the classroom and have to access information.

"Now we consistently have information at their fingertips to use in analyzing and problem-solving not only individually, but in groups with the faculty member facilitating that process. That leads to additional skills, information literacy and a true interactive-learning environment where they're moving together through the process. It just changes the whole dynamic."

The fundraising campaign has reached its goal.

"The National Business Advisory Board certainly got behind it," said Don Meyer, director of development, "as did many of our major donors — especially business alumni and of the college."

Gordon Sween '89, chief operating officer at United Healthcare Medicare and Retirement

"Wartburg best prepared me for my career and my life by teaching me how to think. I learned respect for various perspectives and the importance of feeding my intellectual curiosity. My college experience also fueled my belief that each of us can and are called to make a difference in our communities."

— Gordon Sween '89

Division in Minneapolis, quickly came onboard with a matching-gift challenge of \$15,000.

"When I first started at Wartburg in 1985," Sween recalled, "the Whitehouse Business Center was new. It was one of the things that drew me to Wartburg. In the years since, business has changed and so must the approach we take to educating students. Today's business culture makes great use of technology to support collaboration and enhance the speed of decisionmaking. It's critical that Wartburg students be exposed to these tools and approaches to prepare them for business."

Yet even the most technologically advanced tools remain a complement to the actual instruction.

"Wartburg best prepared me for my career and my life by teaching me how to think," Sween said. "I learned respect for various perspectives and the importance of feeding my intellectual curiosity. My college experience also fueled my belief that each of us can and are called to make a difference in our communities."

Sween praised his fellow alumni for meeting the challenge. "A Wartburg education is multigenerational," he said. "It succeeds due to those actively part of it today and the many who make up its history and contribute to its future. As alumni we have the special opportunity to contribute to a future generation that will carry on the ideals and expertise that Wartburg embodies." **W**

## New Technology and Equipment

2 Mobile Carts + Locks



32 HP Laptops



10 iPads



1 Mac mini



Wireless Node Upgrades



New furniture in WBC 215



Additional Whiteboards





# KAPPELMAN

## GAINS TRACTION AT DEERE

by Sarah Boraas '14

**A**nnie Olson Kappelman '05 is parlaying her varied Wartburg experiences into success at John Deere Waterloo Works.

In a relatively short period of time, she has had a variety of roles at the John Deere Tractor and Cab Assembly Operations facility, becoming project

manager overseeing the assembly-line processes and tooling for new tractor cabs.

In 2010, Deere, the world leader in agricultural equipment, wanted to establish a new level of automation on the assembly line for its CommandView II tractor cabs at its sprawling Waterloo campus. The site houses six manufacturing facilities over 2,754 acres, employs 5,000 and ships tractors to more than 150 countries.

"Deere was certainly looking for labor savings from automation," Kappelman said. "We needed an assembly line that could grow with the technology we are adding to our cabs now and in the future."

This new form of assembly line would bring a new level of safety and flexibility to its operations, while further improving the quality and reliability of Deere's process.

"I became the resident Deere expert on the entire system, from vehicle programming to traffic control, and spent a lot of time teaching others what I knew once the project was complete," Kappelman said.

"The project was a big team effort. Never underestimate the power of an extensive network."

Kappelman's leadership helped improve labor costs and quality control for the new Automated Guided Vehicles. She made an immediate impact on a significant project only a few years out of college.

"John Deere has given me roles and assignments with increasing complexity and responsibility since starting with the company in 2005, so this project seemed like a natural next step," she said.

Kappelman, who is originally from Clarion, followed in the footsteps of her father, Bob Olson '69, and sister, Becky Olson Eglund '95, by enrolling at Wartburg.

"I was first attracted to Wartburg because of the well-rounded liberal arts education and the extracurricular opportunities," Kappelman

said. "I also liked the small class sizes and the study-abroad opportunities, which I wouldn't have gotten at a larger university."

She believes Wartburg's engineering program produces graduates with special qualities.

"Wartburg graduates have a well-rounded foundation in problem-solving and critical thinking, and generally have extremely full resumes from extracurricular activities," she said.

"Technical and scientific expertise coupled with a true liberal arts education is a strong combination for employers and graduate schools looking for candidates who will be flexible and successful."

Kappelman, who graduated magna cum laude, honed her skill set in and out of the classroom.

"Late nights spent with calculus problems taught me to stick with it when faced with seemingly impossible problems. Group projects with Dr. (Dan) Black (chair of the chemistry/engineering science department) taught me to rely on the strengths of a group to get the best result," Kappelman said. "Studying in Australia and being at Wartburg with so many international students broadened my worldview, which is essential in such a global company."

She competed in the heptathlon for the women's track and field team, which won its first NCAA Division III outdoor championship title during her senior year.

"During the late nights and weekends while working on getting the cab line ready for production, I kept telling myself to finish just like Coach (Marcus) Newsom always said during a tough workout," she remarked. "My Wartburg degree is worth so much more than just the hours spent in the classroom."

"Annie's student and professional careers set a perfect example for our engineering students," Black said. "She participated fully in the Wartburg experience, and we are proud to say such an individual was part of our program."

Her success at Deere has opened the door for Wartburg students to participate in part-time student and internship programs, which in turn has helped attract top students into the engineering program.

Kappelman, who was married last summer, is currently a supplier development engineer in Deere's supply management organization, working with suppliers' factories.

"Working at John Deere has been a great learning experience. I plan to continue to learn and gain experience here and explore every opportunity I can," Kappelman said. **W**







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# pathways to SUCCESS

by Graham Garner

**H**oused on the third floor of Vogel Library, the Pathways Center is dedicated to offering comprehensive, individualized guidance and support to assist students in identifying and achieving academic, personal, and professional goals. The center also is a key part of the college's strategic and master plans that will shape the institution's future.

"Students who come here don't always know the question; they just know something isn't working. It might be the major, the class, or their emotional health. Having all the services together helps us sort things out," said Pathways Director Vicki Edelnant.

"Sometimes our job is to answer questions that haven't been asked yet."

College marks a time when young people are discovering or redefining their interests, leading to majors, which lead to careers. They meet people and have experiences that forever shape values and their persona.

The path that leads to a life of challenge and fulfillment can be rough for some. The people of Pathways want to be guides and erect signposts to help students find their way," Edelnant said.

"We try to help them see this is an active process," Edelnant said. "What are you good at? What are you interested in? What matches your values? That is probably the most important one. Where can you make a difference for your family, your community? Once you have figured out your goals, your values, how can we match that with an academic program of study?"

A generational shift in expectations and needs has boosted the importance of Pathways and its services.

"When I was an undergrad, the people who went to college were from landed, educated families. They had the support of their family," Edelnant said. "For a democratic society, we want people to be as educated as possible. As demographics have changed, colleges have changed their attitude and realized that access isn't sufficient. If we admit a more diverse population, we need to provide them support to be successful."

The benefits of a more diverse student population come with challenges, too.

"One of the things I hadn't anticipated was how much we would work with international students. I admire those students who are brave enough to

learn and study in another language. Sometimes it is a matter of acculturation," Edelnant said. "They have the ability, but there are so many implicit rules and norms and expectations that are unfamiliar to them, and we make them clearer so they can understand.

"Even students from rural Iowa can have a culture shock. They might have come from a small community, and all of a sudden their whole world is different. There is a similar adjustment with going from college to graduate school or to the workplace."


A stigma is sometimes attached to student success centers, because individuals may perceive it as something only for troubled or struggling students. The truth, Edelnant contends, is that more students from all walks would achieve more success by availing themselves of the center's myriad offerings.

"You could get through college without ever going to Pathways, just like you could go to a buffet and only eat hamburgers and fries. You would get some nutrition, but you missed a lot of stuff," Edelnant said.

"I think people are going to be so much more productive and feel so much more satisfied if they can find something that is a match for them."

Wartburg's leadership envisions a future where more students find the satisfaction Edelnant describes. Part of Wartburg's strategic plan is to "make critical support functions like ... student success programs visible, accessible, and virtually unavoidable," which includes bringing the Pathways Center from the library's third floor to the main floor. In the master plan, the second floor of Vogel Library would be transformed into a learning commons, including remodeling approximately 16,000 square feet to accommodate moving the Pathways Center from the third floor. The center would be designed to surround students as they study and would include the existing staff offices and spaces for counseling and career services interview rooms.

Edelnant is excited about the Pathways Center possibilities.

"I think what we do is save people a lot of anxiety," Edelnant said. "We can help people make finding their calling — their purpose — a more intentional process." 



Vicki Edelnant, Pathways Center director



Stephanie Newsom, Counseling Services director

## PATHWAYS SERVICES

The Pathways Center offers students the tools to succeed:

- a first-year experience
- academic and personal counseling services
- career services
- academic advising
- testing services
- disability services
- a writing/reading/speaking laboratory
- a mathematics laboratory
- supplemental instruction
- vocational discernment
- peer mentoring



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# Changing the World WITH PEACE AND JUSTICE

Newest major called 'a fine wine' to complement other studies

by Saul Shapiro

**P**ace and justice studies will be the first major added to the Wartburg College curriculum in 11 years when Fall Term begins.

Wartburg will be the first college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and one of an estimated 32 colleges nationwide to offer the major, which will be directed by Dr. Jenny McBride, assistant professor of religion and Regents Chair in Ethics, joined by a team of faculty mentors across disciplines.

"Students often feel paralyzed by the size and complexity of the social problems we face," McBride said. "This major will give them the analytical and practical tools they need to address these challenges in concrete and constructive ways."



Bouzard

The major was developed by a group of faculty members, including Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, professor of religion and chair of the religion and philosophy department.

He has some lofty aspirations for it.

"We hope to send students out — from the perspective of their locations and professions — literally to change the world," Bouzard said. "And if the goal of changing the world sounds immodest, just imagine

a company of doctors, lawyers, teachers, social workers, politicians, nurses, artists, biologists, chemists, and more who

leave Wartburg, year after year, trained and prepared to make peace and justice a reality."

Indeed, McBride remarked, "It pairs well, like a fine wine, with any major or minor."

She quickly added, "What people often want to know about a major — particularly a major in the humanities — is whether or not it will prepare students for a job. A common question is, 'What do students do with a major in English or religion and philosophy or peace and justice?'"

"My answer is that these disciplines absolutely prepare students for careers. Becoming a critical thinker is central and necessary for any profession, and professional schools and potential employers often consider this a greater asset than a narrow skill set."

"The peace and justice major fits well within the humanities with its focus on critical analysis, reading difficult texts, and writing clear and well-reasoned arguments. Like preprofessional degrees, it provides skills that can be directly applicable to particular jobs, skills like political advocacy and strategic thinking about nonviolent strategies for social change."

"It is," she concluded, "the best of both worlds."

The major will prepare graduates for careers in non-governmental or church-related organizations doing humanitarian work and for vocations as varied as religion, law, environmental protection, politics, diplomacy, journalism, social entrepreneurship, social work, or international relations. **W**

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

### CONSISTING OF:

The major comprises eight core courses — including a one-year internship — and four courses in an area of specialization selected by the student. The minor requires completion of the eight core courses.

The specialty tier involves courses from various disciplines — business/economics, international relations, communication and persuasion, social structures and attitudes, environmental studies, gender studies, and religion and philosophy.

### A PEACE AND JUSTICE SKILLSET:

The course of study will offer students:

- Tools for understanding causes of violence, oppression, and injustice
- Theories of peace and justice that ground concrete practices
- A historical understanding of the struggle to promote human rights, peace, justice, and freedom from oppression
- Strategies for the remediation of violence and injustice
- Skills for conflict mediation, peace and justice advocacy, and political action



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# ACADEMIC *and* ACTIVIST

Dr. Jenny McBride is making a name for herself as a scholar, while 'walking the talk' on social issues

She's introspective, engaging, and self-effacing. But an underlying intensity also is evident with Jenny McBride, who passionately confronts many of society's most pressing social and theological issues as an academic and activist.

Dr. McBride arrived at Wartburg College a year ago as an assistant professor of religion and Regents Chair in Ethics. Last spring she was named director of the new peace and justice studies major, working with faculty members across disciplines.

## WARTBURG'S 'RISING STAR'

Wartburg administrators and colleagues touted her as a "rising star." Mention the accolade to her, and you get a quizzical look. But consider the evidence.

As an academic, McBride has earned considerable praise for her research and writing about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor whose opposition to Hitler and the Nazis led to his execution.

The prominent German professor Jürgen Moltmann called her most recent book on Bonhoeffer, *The Church for the World: A Theology of Public Witness*, "a remarkable study" and "public theology at its best."

McBride previously co-edited, *Bonhoeffer and King: Their Legacies and Import for Christian Social Thought*.

She embodies the ethic of peace and justice as modeled by Bonhoeffer and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She has mentored single mothers at the Southeast White House, a self-described "house on the hill for all people" in inner-city Washington, D.C.; taught female inmates in a Georgia state prison; assisted the homeless; and counseled death-row prisoners.

"Bonhoeffer and King are two quintessential 'lived theologians, meaning that they were simultaneously pastor-activists and scholars," McBride said. "They were sophisticated academic thinkers who worked out their theologies concretely on the ground. They are models for my own teaching and scholarship."

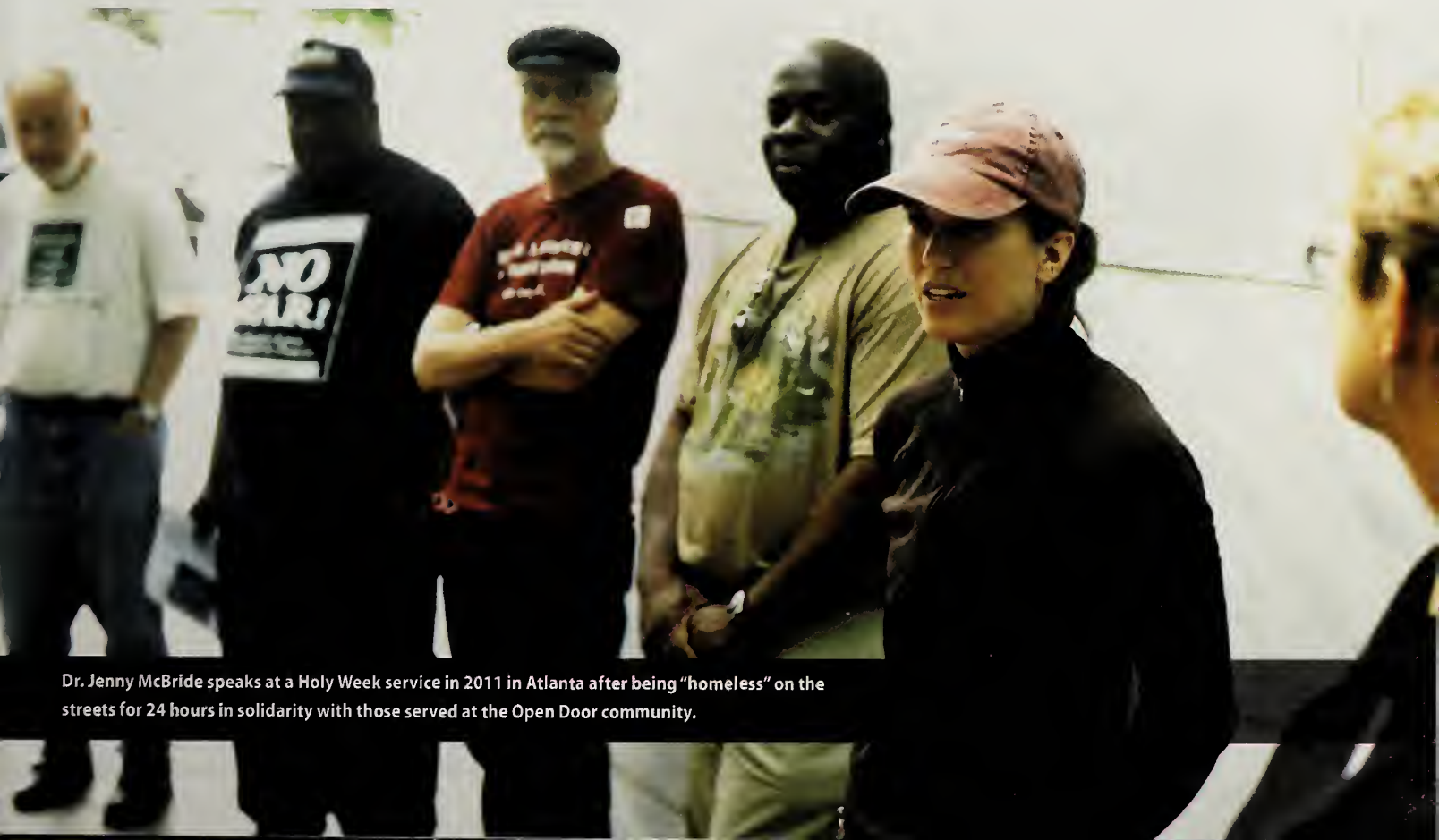
One of the reasons I was attracted to Wartburg is that its holistic understanding of vocation affirms this dynamic combination."

"She understands her work very profoundly as a calling," said Letitia Campbell, a doctoral candidate at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, who taught with McBride in its Certificate in Theological Studies prison program. "She's very committed to being in a relationship with people considered to be on society's margins and so often forgotten."

## STUDYING BONHOEFFER

McBride's understanding of Bonhoeffer earned her a prestigious position on the board of directors of the International Bonhoeffer Society's English language section.

"Bonhoeffer is very hot stuff, both in the academy and increasingly in popular evangelism as a model of Christian discipleship," said Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, Wartburg professor of religion. "His influence



Dr. Jenny McBride speaks at a Holy Week service in 2011 in Atlanta after being "homeless" on the streets for 24 hours in solidarity with those served at the Open Door community.



"Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

extends well beyond Lutheran circles. Jenny's membership on the board is an important connection for Wartburg."

In *The Church for the World*, McBride echoes Bonhoeffer's derision of a "secularized" Christianity:

"The church has withheld the compassion it owes to the despised and rejected; the church has not resisted strongly enough the misuse of Christ for political ends; the church has covered security, tranquility, prosperity to which it has no claim," she wrote.

"What I'm talking about," McBride said, "is what it means for the church to be, as the Apostle Paul said, 'the body of Christ.' Bonhoeffer believed the church is literally the physical manifestation of Christ in the world, and because of this, the church is called to take the form — or shape — of Christ in public life."

Bonhoeffer took issue with "cheap grace." In *The Cost of Discipleship*, he called it, "Grace sold on the market like cheapjack's wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices."

He added, "Our struggle today is for costly grace. ... It is costly, because it calls to discipleship; it is grace, because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ."

Bonhoeffer would symbolize "costly grace" as one of the Abwehr military intelligence officers involved in assassination plots against Hitler. When his participation was uncovered, he was imprisoned and hung in April 1945 — 23 days before the Nazis surrendered.

"For Bonhoeffer, being a Christian is about trying to discern the will of God in community and then courageously acting on that discernment — risking action," McBride said.

### PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS

McBride acts on her beliefs, no matter what the public perception may be. She participated in demonstrations against capital punishment by Atlanta's Open Door Community — a "Protestant Catholic Worker House." The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* carried a front-page photo of the group wearing T-shirts with the admonition, "The Death Penalty makes killers of us all."

"I thought of ... the drivers staring blankly at us or occasionally smirking," McBride wrote in the Open Door newspaper, *Hospitality*, "and as I peered into this online picture of our solemn and mournful faces, most looking up toward the sound of the church bell tolling at the moment of execution, me looking down into the flame of my candle, I thought, 'We must look crazy to care about the life of a man who committed such a senseless act of violence.' I felt sick to my stomach, acutely aware of our bizarre witness."

But she was adamant about her stand.

"The answers to most controversial issues, I have discovered as a student and professor of Christian ethics, are found somewhere in the gray, but I believe ... that the immorality and impracticality of the death penalty is pretty unambiguous," she preached in an Open Door sermon, citing Christian and secular sources.

### RAISED IN 'PRIVILEGE'

Her childhood was spent living at the Baylor School in Chattanooga, a preparatory school where her father was a professor of history. She lived with her parents and an older brother in an apartment in a boys' dormitory and graduated from the school after it went coed in the mid-1980s.

"My theology had been shaped so much by my privilege," she said.

While a student at the University of North Carolina, she remarked, "I started questioning the way things like salvation and God's providence had been presented to me by the churches and parachurch groups I had been involved in."

She graduated in 1999 with a degree in religious studies and began searching for answers.

She enrolled in a fellowship program run by Falls Church (Va.) Episcopal and became an intern at the Southeast White House.

"It was my first encounter with a low-income African-American community; the first time I had to really wrestle with issues surrounding poverty, race and injustice," she said.

Marilyn Dimock, who co-founded the Southeast White House with her husband, Scott, recalled, "We had lunches four days out of the week — black and white, rich and poor, young and old together around the table. Jenny participated and met single mothers, young girls in trouble, and she developed a strong relationship with them."

Dimock said the focus of the Southeast White House "is to live out an incarnational type of life. Jesus' words are important, but more important is living out some of the things Jesus said you have to do if you want

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONORS FORMER WARTBURG PROFESSOR

A new scholarship will support the peace and justice studies major, while honoring Philip Juhl, a member of the Wartburg social work faculty (1975-80) who died Jan. 21.

"The day his obituary ran in the paper, a story announced the new peace and justice studies major at Wartburg," said Juhl's widow, Jackie. "We have been involved with and supported peace and justice issues for many years, and I thought a scholarship in this area would be something Phil would like."

The annually funded Juhl Scholarship will award \$1,000 to a student majoring in peace and justice studies.

"We hope to supplement funding for the scholarship with additional donations from former students who knew Phil and from people interested in supporting this new program," said Scott Leisinger, vice president for institutional advancement.

To donate to the Juhl scholarship, visit [wartburg.edu/devoffice](http://wartburg.edu/devoffice), click the **Give Online** form, and designate your gift as 'Other' with instructions to donate to Juhl.



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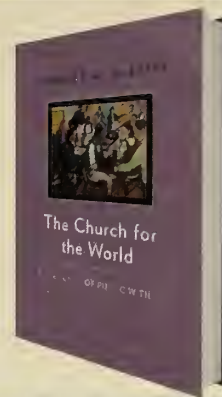




## MCBRIDE'S BOOK: THE CHURCH FOR THE WORLD

*"The Church for the World is an important book that deserves a wide audience inside and outside the academy. Critics of the religious right and the religious left abound; yet alternative visions of public witness often remain abstract or nostalgic. Blending ethnography and profound theological analysis, McBride offers a first-rate study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer that shows what confession and repentance might look like for today's church and world."*

— Eric Gregory, professor of religion, Princeton University



to be my follower, like putting Jesus before wealth, like putting Jesus before self."

McBride learned about Bonhoeffer and Dorothy Day, whose Catholic Worker movement aids the poor and the homeless.

"I told my pastor (the Rev. Bill Haley in Falls Church) that I think I might be called to be like Dorothy Day, but I can't be Dorothy Day," she remarked. "He said to me, 'You're called to be Jenny McBride.'"

She enrolled at the University of Virginia, where the Project on Lived Theology was "trying to bring the higher ideas of academia together with the people on the street," Dimock said.

### TEACHING IN PRISON

After earning her master's and doctoral degrees there, McBride received a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory's Candler School of Theology in 2008, later becoming a visiting lecturer, teaching, and directing the theology program for female inmates under the leadership of Emory ethicist Elizabeth Bounds.

"I have a vivid memory of the first session I taught in the prison," McBride said. "It was Advent 2008, and I read a letter Bonhoeffer wrote about spending Christmas in a prison cell. He said that those in prison can understand the significance of Christmas better than most people. When I looked up, one of the women sitting directly in front of me, Valerie, had tears in her eyes. 'He's talking about us,' she said.

McBride beams when discussing the prison experience. "These women became sisters and dear friends," McBride said. "I often think of a line attributed to activist Lilla Watson on a poster at the Open Door: 'If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation

is tied up with mine, then let us work together.'"

"I have experienced a kind of liberation as a result of their friendship and love and our shared struggle for wholeness and meaning. Many of these women have great strength and depth. They became my teachers and have helped me find my voice as much as I encouraged them to find theirs."

"One of the things that's most moving about Jenny," Campbell remarked, "is that she really had a very profound relationship with the women, unencumbered by all the common impressions people have of who is in prison. That is a real gift of hers."

With support from a Project on Lived Theology writing grant for her next book, McBride became deeply involved as a "participant-observer" with the Open Door Community, which does the work of Dorothy Day while promoting King's legacy of racial and economic justice. She worked with the homeless, former prisoners, and those on the margins. She did laundry, cooked, and cleaned the restroom.

### A CONTINUING FAITH JOURNEY

"Jenny is not content just to be a scholar, but it's essential to her as a person of faith and a theologian that her theology and studies meet the needs of the world," said Heather Barger, who works at Open Door and has a Master of Divinity degree from Emory.

McBride is beholden to those who helped shape her "continuous transformation."



Jenny McBride makes gravy in the Open Door kitchen.

"She has a fierce dedication to the personal relationships with the various communities that have formed her — like Open Door, the Southeast White House, and the women at the prison," Barger said.

"I have been fortunate to have a number of extraordinary mentors throughout my life — people, along with my family, who have supported and encouraged me in my work and faith journey, even when that journey has sometimes led me to very different conclusions theologically, socially, and politically from what I was taught in childhood, adolescence, and college," McBride said.

"One thing that comforts me about my personal story," she added, "is that I never rebelled against Christian faith while asking these existential questions. My questioning was always, in that beautiful phrase of the church fathers, 'Faith seeking understanding' — not a rejection of the faith, but my attempt to go deeper and deeper into it." **W**



# African Students

## Developing Innovative Enterprises

Students are turning social entrepreneurship ideas into action

by Kristine Milbrandt '14

**T**hey may come from so-called Third World countries, but Wartburg College students from Africa have a First World grasp on business innovation.

With Old Testament names like “Moses” and “Shalom,” their vision is to lead people out of poverty into the promised land of a better tomorrow.

Lomoro “Moses” Santino '13, a chemistry and economics major from South Sudan, was one of 29 African students invited last spring to the prestigious Harambe Bretton Woods Symposium sponsored by Yale and Harvard universities.



Santino

The Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance hopes to harness African intellectual capital to address economic, social, and political issues. Each associate had 10 minutes to pitch ideas to fellow students, donor organizations, and representatives from African parliaments and the British House of Lords.

Shalom Nwaokolo '12, an economics and mathematics major from Nigeria, was awarded one of 10 worldwide fellowships to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Global Startup Workshop in Istanbul, Turkey, in March.

MIT GSW is the world's leading workshop dedicated to building business ecosystems worldwide. Renowned entrepreneurs, government officials, professors, and the 10 fellows attend. Each fellow pitched their idea to funders and investors.

Santino and Nwaokolo seemingly never run out of ideas or opportunities to hone them. In April 2011, Santino was a delegate to the Clinton Global Initiative University conference — founded by former President Bill Clinton — in San Diego, where students unveiled projects to help people in developing nations.

Santino devised an initiative in South Sudan to aid widows of its civil war by providing tailoring instruction and sewing machines.

He also worked with Yvonne Tracy Ayesiga '13 of Uganda, on a Davis Projects for Peace effort in South Sudan last summer to promote health issues for female students.

Santino and Ayesiga are Davis United World College Scholars, a program founded by financier Shelby Davis and Dr. Philip Geier, a former history professor. Philanthropist Kathryn Wasserman Davis (Shelby's mother) initiated Davis Projects for Peace on her 100th birthday in 2007, committing \$1 million annually to 100 grass-roots efforts by college students.

At the Harambe conference, Santino proposed the South Sudan Biogas Initiative to train residents of Yei Town (population 40,000) to become biodigester technicians.

Biogas is a renewable fuel produced by the breakdown of organic matter, such as animal waste. It can substitute for electricity, heating, fertilizer, and motor vehicle fuel.

“Charcoal and firewood are the main sources of energy for South Sudan's rural population,” Santino said. “On average, households spend about 10 hours per week searching for firewood, while those in the urban areas spend considerable amounts of money on firewood and charcoal.”

Santino said the technology is simple, affordable, and has multiple benefits. “The use of the biodigester effluent as manure will improve crop yields and increase income and employment,” Santino said. “Reduced use of kerosene and wood for cooking improves air quality in the home, decreasing respiratory and eye problems.”

He was awarded a U.S. African Development Foundation fellowship. Ten biodigesters will be installed this summer at three sites for approximately \$20,000.

Nwaokolo co-developed LightingNBV — an electrification project for a town in rural India — with Adamu Muhammad '12, also from Nigeria. The project would cost \$14,000.



Nwaokolo

NIGERIA

SOUTH SUDAN



Moses Santino helped with the construction of latrines for female students at a South Sudan school.



## Wartburg students' barter system aids caste-free Nepal academy

by Saul Shapiro

Two Wartburg College students from southern Asia spent the summer mixing education and agricultural techniques to break down caste barriers and alleviate poverty in Nepal.

Kushboo Rana '14, a mathematics and physics major with an engineering minor from Nepal on India's northeast border, and Maneesha Gammana Liyanage '14, a psychology and international relations major from Sri Lanka, an island nation south of India, received a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant for their project.

Philanthropist Kathryn Wasserman Davis committed \$1 million annually to 100 grass-roots efforts by college students. The students also are Davis United World College Scholars, a program for international students co-founded by Kathryn's son, Shelby, a financier, and were classmates at its two-year campus in Costa Rica prior to coming to Wartburg.

Rana and Gammana Liyanage bought three small tractors for farmers in Nepal's southern agrarian lowlands, so children could attend the Maya Universe Academy in rural Chisa Pani Village rather than work in the fields.

The school for elementary-age children from all four castes was founded and staffed by UWC graduates. It has enrolled 45 students, but hopes to double that next year.

"Maya means 'love,'" Rana said, "and this institute we are trying to help is built on love. It's a very poor village, and the Maya Academy is trying to bring together people, who are divided, in the name of education."

Rana said parents are too poor to pay for their child's education, but will exchange manpower and produce "like the barter system going back to ancient times."

The Wartburg students established a Village Agriculture Committee to help farmers

solve problems of discrimination, poverty, and education. Agricultural experts have been enlisted to teach farmers how to use the tractors and develop new techniques for cattle feed management, hay storage, transporting goods, and selling produce — primarily rice and vegetables — for better prices.

The Maya Academy is helping cover additional expenses for the tractors (total cost \$11,250), maintenance and repair, seeds, and training workshops.

Overcoming caste discrimination — with its roots in a family's occupation — is an objective. Rana knows that bias. Male members of his family are expected to become Gurkhas, Nepal's legendary soldiers.

"There are four stages of hierarchy, and I belong to the third caste group," Rana explained. "It's a concern in terms of privileges rather than law. It's an unconscious kind of racism, a differentiation among people. If you go to a job interview and the interviewer knows you're from a low caste, unconsciously he has expectations that you would be a little dumber than someone from a higher caste."

Rana said the Maya Academy's emphasis on unity is "radical" and threatening to some parents.

"When those kids aren't in school, they communicate with each other. It's just the parents and society. Kids are kids, whether from higher society or a lower caste," he said.

Gammana Liyanage belongs to a higher caste in Sri Lanka.

"In our country it's also related to occupations," she said. "It doesn't matter in a general sense, but when it comes to marriage and relationships it really matters. It is changing nowadays. Education will create opportunities."

That is essential for Nepal, Rana said. "The economy is stagnant, and education is not free at all. Maybe with this approach we can see a more developed country." **W**

Dr. Tim Ewest, associate professor of business administration, said it was Nwaokolo's ticket to the MIT conference.

"He was selected because his venture is precisely what social entrepreneurship is about," Ewest said. "We have heard some 'nos' from people who simply don't get the idea and are still thinking in classic charity-funding models. But with the heavy hitters like MIT, it resonates deeply."

Nwaokolo also is developing the CloudBerry League, a company focused on leveraging African business opportunities. A \$15,000 math and science clinic now in the planning stages would expand technology access to 1,000 youths, beginning in summer 2013 in Ghana.

"He is also starting a venture called YOUNG BABI (Youth Bank for Business Incubation), a business incubation program aimed at harnessing the entrepreneurial element in young Nigerians," Ewest said.

"Wartburg's mission of service and leadership reinforces my philosophy of using my talents, skills, and networks to the benefit of humanity," Nwaokolo said.

Wartburg's African students created We-ImpACTTogether, a nonprofit to help marginalized people.

"The use of 'We' is meant as a collective term that encompasses and includes all people who share our vision and interest in service, eradication of poverty, education, and sustainability," said Ayesiga, an international relations and political science major. "It is a call for action."

"This is the time when We-ImpACTTogether seems nothing but a dream on a piece of paper," Santino said. "I am of strong belief that what seems now a rickety effort of dreamers and overly ambitious young individuals will one day yield the fruits of our efforts and deliver on the promise." **W**

Kushboo Rana (left) and Maneesha Gammana Liyanage (right)



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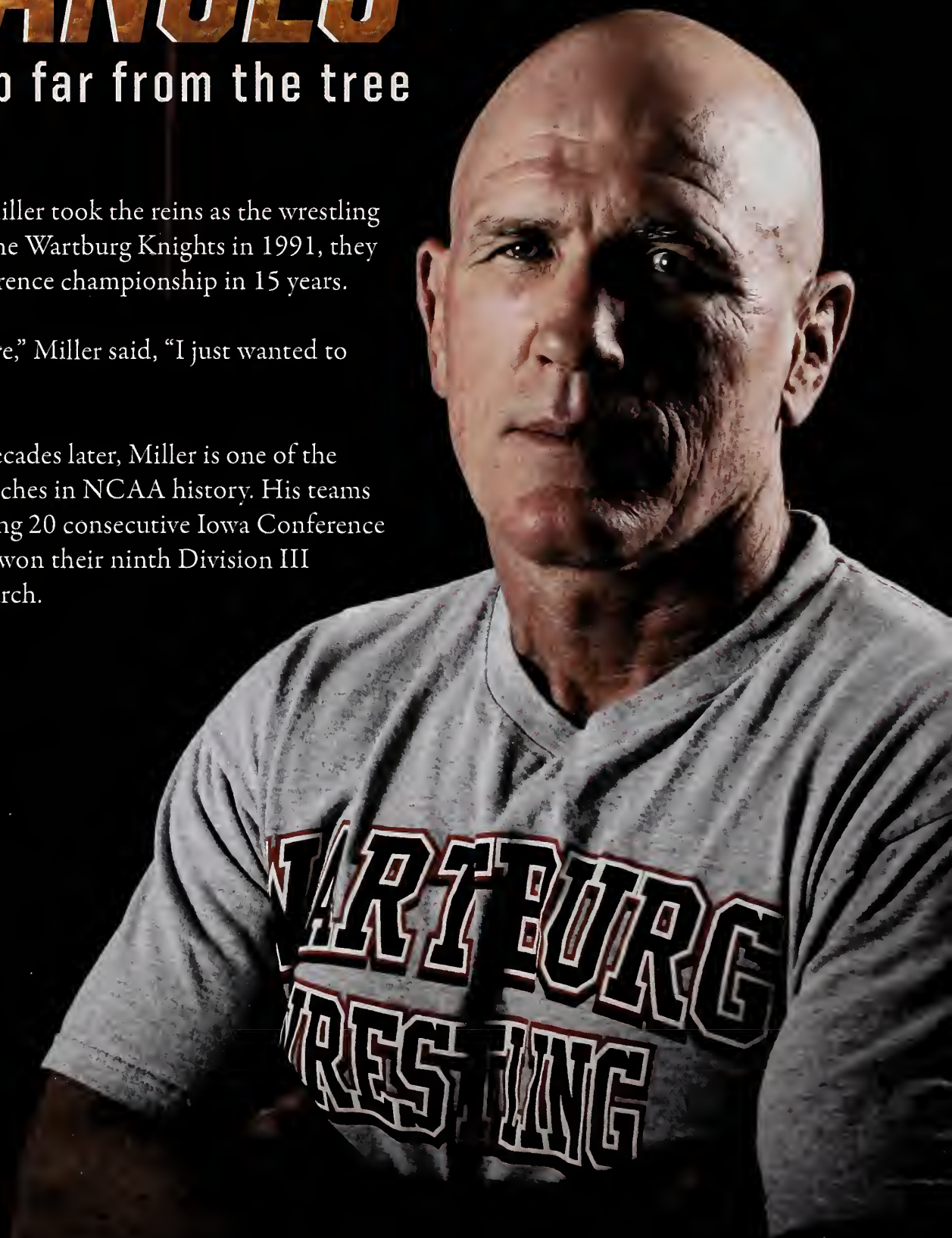
don't drop far from the tree

by Craig Sesker '88

When Jim Miller took the reins as the wrestling coach of the Wartburg Knights in 1991, they hadn't won a conference championship in 15 years.

"When I came here," Miller said, "I just wanted to win one."

More than two decades later, Miller is one of the most successful coaches in NCAA history. His teams have won an amazing 20 consecutive Iowa Conference titles. The Knights won their ninth Division III national title in March.





Miller, 58, not only is the architect of a wrestling dynasty, but his impact extends well beyond what he has accomplished in Waverly.

During the season, Miller's cell phone constantly blows up with calls and texts from former wrestlers. That's what happens when nearly 100 of his former wrestlers are serving as coaches at the high school and college levels.

"A lot of the guys who call say, 'I know you're busy, but ...' I love those calls," said Miller, who coached seven years at the high school level and the last 29 at the collegiate level. "I love being able to help my guys and talk to them. It's great to see them have success as coaches. It's so gratifying. One of the highlights of my career is seeing all the guys who wrestled for me who are coaching."

When Miller travels to the state tournament each February, he can scan the sea of mats at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines and see his former wrestlers coaching in every corner of the arena.

"I love seeing all those guys out there making an impact," Miller said. "They are in it for the right reasons. They are in it for the kids. They are experiencing what I have as a coach. They are helping kids grow and develop and realize their dreams. They love the sport and they are giving back."

### Nick Mitchell '00

Among the Miller disciples excelling in coaching is Nick Mitchell, a three-time All-American for Wartburg who led Grand View University in Des Moines to the NAIA title this year. Mitchell's entire coaching staff is comprised of former Wartburg wrestlers.



"I can't tell you how proud I was of Nick and his staff," Miller said. "To start with nothing and win a national title in just four years is a great accomplishment. I'm not surprised it happened so fast because I know all the work they put into that."

Miller was there when Grand View won the national title. "For Coach Miller to come down there and support us, it was awesome," Mitchell said. "He was texting me and giving me advice. We had clinched the team title, but he texted me before the finals to keep the pressure on. It was a good reminder to finish with a bang."

He gave me a big hug after we won. It was a special moment."

Mitchell was an assistant under Miller before becoming the head coach at Grand View. "Everything we do is based on what I learned from Coach Miller," Mitchell said. "I run our program real similar to the way he runs the Wartburg program. On a daily basis, I think, 'What would Coach Miller do in this situation?'"

"I have a similar mentality for what I expect out of our athletes. At Wartburg, we didn't talk a lot about winning. We talked about performance, the work that it takes and the lifestyle it takes to be successful. It takes a total commitment in wrestling and in the classroom. It's so much more than just wrestling."

So how does Miller develop his athletes?

"He's pretty intense," Mitchell said. "I love the way he coaches. He's tough on you, and if you don't give a maximum effort he will call you out. At the same time, if you need advice or guidance he is always there for you."

### Kevin Bratland '03

Miller disciple Kevin Bratland is the head coach at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. His teams have placed in the top 10 nationally three times in Division III.

"The way I coach is directly influenced by Coach Miller. He changed my life and gave me direction," said Bratland, a two-time All-American at Wartburg. "I understand there are a lot of different philosophies, but there is one philosophy that he has proven to work, and I'm going to continue to use it."

"A lot of it doesn't directly have to do with technique, but more about mental toughness and beating people you aren't supposed to beat. He can bring guys to a higher level than they even think is possible."



### T.J. Miller '08

Miller's son, T.J., now coaches at the high-school level at Holy Cross School in New Orleans. His teams have finished first and second in the state.

"When I call him and ask him about something — and he doesn't know this — I start taking notes," T.J. said. "What he says works. He's usually 100-percent right."

T.J. Miller, a national champion for Wartburg, spent two years as an assistant under his father.

"When we went to see recruits, the first thing he talked to them about was academics," T.J. said. "He has a 100-percent graduation

rate for everyone that has wrestled four years for him. That's an unreal statistic. He has had multiple Academic All-Americans. That's something I really try to emphasize with our kids."

### Cory Connell '06

Cory Connell, another Miller disciple, built a strong program at Eddyville-Blakesburg before recently becoming the head coach at Iowa City High.

"Coach Miller is awesome at communicating with kids," said Connell, an NCAA runner-up for Wartburg. "He can relate to them and motivate them and hit those buttons to get them going. ... Nobody cares how much you know, but they know how much you care. He really does care about every kid on his team, and I think that's why he gets so much out of his athletes. It's something I really try to do with my athletes."

Miller also puts plenty of trust in his own staff, while working closely with co-head coach Eric Keller. "He has a great system in place," Connell said, "with great assistant coaches."

Miller continues to be a valuable resource for his former wrestlers who are now coaching. Joel Greenlee, the head coach at Division I Ohio, wrestled for Miller when he was an assistant at the University of Northern Iowa. Miller protégés Tom Hogan (Don Bosco) and Chris Ortner (Waterloo Columbus) have led their teams to state titles.

### WWJMD

"You know the bracelets that say, 'What Would Jesus Do?'" Bratland said. "You need a bracelet that says, 'What Would Jim Miller Do?' When I'm coaching, I always think about how he would handle certain situations."

T.J. Miller said the number of Miller wrestlers who will follow him into coaching will continue to grow. "There are probably five to 10 guys on the current team who will become coaches," he said. "Guys realize what he did for them, and they want to do the same thing for other kids."

Mitchell is grateful for what Miller has done for him. "Nobody other than my parents has had as much of an impact on my life as Coach Miller has," Mitchell said. "He's an amazing guy. I can't imagine where I would've ended up if I had gone somewhere else." **W**



Watch Coach Miller  
in action on **YouTube**





Coach Marcus Newsom hugs Nevada and Skye Morrison.

# SENIORS TAKE TRACK TRADITION TO A NEW LEVEL

Morrison twins lead the way to sixth overall women's track and field title

by Mike Ferlazzo

Coach Marcus Newsom, who has guided the Wartburg College women to six NCAA Division III track and field championships, believes this year's team was built on past successes.

"I think this group of seniors came in as freshmen at a time period when I had a group of upperclassmen who had figured out what it takes to be a national champion (2009), and they bought into what our goals and aspirations were," said Newsom, who was named U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association indoor and outdoor national women's head coach of the year. "And that was a group of freshmen that was pretty talented across the board."

That group included the Morrison twin sisters — Nevada and Skye — from Maywood, Ill., outside of Chicago, who have become Division III track and field's most prolific student athletes.

Both are individual Division III national champions — Skye three times in the long jump ('10, '12 indoors and outdoors) and Nevada three times in the 400-meter dash ('11 outdoors, '12 indoors and outdoors) — and have run on Wartburg's perennial national champion 4x400 relay team.

Including relays, Nevada concluded her career as a 23-time indoor and outdoor All-American, while Skye earned All-American honors 15 times.

Skye shattered the Division III outdoor long jump record at this year's Iowa Conference meet and set the conference record while winning the triple jump en route to being named the meet's Most Valuable Performer in the field.

Nevada was Most Valuable Performer on the track, while winning the 200 and 800 as Wartburg claimed its 13th straight team title with a record 353 points, obliterating the previous standard of 279.25 set by Wartburg in 2008.

The sisters both ran on Wartburg's invincible 4x400-meter relay team. Nevada was unbeaten in that relay in all eight of her national championship meets, while Skye ran with her four times.

Newsom beat some large Division I programs to land the prized twins. Nevada first became sold on the program's mystique.

"Just hearing the stories from other student athletes and the faculty, I decided I wanted to be part of this great tradition here," Nevada said. "And I just told Skye, 'Keep thinking about coming to Wartburg. It's going to be a good fit for us. And she finally got over her stubbornness and decided to come to Wartburg."



"It's a different atmosphere. The people at the school are different. It's very diverse," she continued. "You know, we've always been city girls, and I really wanted to experience something different. And it was a different feeling than at those DI schools."

They've given the Knights tremendous scoring punch at the national meet. And they are now disciples of "the Wartburg way."

"It's all about the passion, the team, the WTF family tradition that never graduates here. I would say that's 'the Wartburg way,'" Nevada remarked. "It's just being humble every year. Being a national champion was something I wanted to do since getting here as a freshman. I was just humble and hungry, and I finally figured it out."

"I think 'the Wartburg way' is the working hard part and staying disciplined," Skye added. "The tradition is also definitely 'the Wartburg way.'"

The Wartburg way also includes sacrificing for the good of the team.

Skye was only a jumper as a freshman and eventually developed into an All-American sprinter — finishing third in the 400 meters at this year's indoor championships and second outdoors.

Nevada had never run anything longer than 400 meters prior to coming to Wartburg. But she beat 2011 Division III national champion Keelie Finnel of Coe to win the Iowa Conference 800 meters at this year's meet, recording Division III's third fastest time in the process (2:08.59).

Those are the kind of sacrifices Newsom believes have helped build this year's juggernaut.

"The Morrisons and Faith (Burt, senior All-American sprinter from Cedar Falls) and Sarah Hoffman (senior All-American thrower from Farley), those are the kind of young ladies we have here who care about the whole — and not just their own piece," Newsom said. "And I think that's something that we have that's very different than a lot of places around the country — Division I, II, or III."

"I think you have to have student athletes who buy into what your philosophy is and what's important to you," he said. **W**



# WOMEN RACE, THROW, AND JUMP INTO THE RECORD BOOKS

Wartburg women's track and field team lays claim as Division III's **ALL-TIME BEST**

**TEAM CHAMPION**

**B**y the numbers — times, distances, and heights — the Wartburg College women's track and field team may be the best in NCAA Division III history.

After winning the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships, May 24-26, at Claremont Mudd (Calif.) College by 77 points, Wartburg can make a strong case to that claim.

The Knights total of 129 points was the highest since scoring was limited to the first eight places in a national championship meet and fourth best ever.

"I would say that if it's not the best, it has to be up there with one of the best," said Coach Marcus Newsom. "It has to be extremely special. I would say it's close to one of the top performances of all time. It'll be part of history

for a long time. I'm very excited about that."

What differentiated this year's championship teams from its predecessors was its depth — scoring in sprints, relays, hurdles, distances, jumping, and throwing events.

"To win in such diverse fashion, you can't ask for a better national meet. That's for sure," Newsom said after the outdoor championship.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

In pursuit of a third outdoor championship to add to their 2005 and 2009 trophies, the women took charge on the first day and never looked back:

- Alana Enabnit '15 from Clear Lake and Laura Sigmund '12 from Stanhope went 1-2 in the 10,000 meters — a finish they duplicated in the 5,000 meters.
- Skye Morrison '12 of Chicago defended her long jump title.
- Wartburg finished 1-2-5-6 in the 400 meters with defending champion Nevada Morrison '12 of Chicago leading the pack, followed by twin sister Skye, Kendra Kregel '13 of Delhi, and Faith Burt '12 of Cedar Falls.
- That quartet won the 4x400-meter relay — the sixth consecutive national championship for Wartburg in that event.
- Sammi Bruett '12 of Urbandale finished fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.
- Britlyn Sieck '13 of Fayette was fifth and Sarah Hoffmann '12 of Farley sixth in the shot put.
- Sieck took eighth in the discus — Wartburg's first All-American in two throwing events.
- Camesha Goods '14 of Danville, Va., and Tashina McAllister '14 of Oelwein were second and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.
- McAllister took third in the 400-meter hurdles — the first Wartburg All-American in both hurdles events.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of the Morrisons, Burt, and Sarah Boraas '14 of Sherrard, Ill., took second.
- Nevada Morrison and Burt were second and sixth in the 200 meters.

## TEAM RESULTS

As for the "best-ever" claim, Wartburg can make a convincing case:

- The Knights won the Division III indoor national championship in March with a record 99 points, easily outdistancing the old mark of 66 by Christopher Newport in 1988 and more than doubling second-place Wisconsin-Oshkosh (48).
- Prior to the outdoor meet, UW-Oshkosh Coach Patrick Ebel was asked if the Wartburg women were the best Division III contingent ever. He responded, "Oh yeah, by far."
- According to the NCAA, no other team has won its conference indoor meet with more than 300 points (317) or outdoor meet with more than 350 (353) as Wartburg did in winning its Iowa Conference titles.
- Wartburg broke the Division III outdoor record in the 4x400-meter relay (3:38.85, Drake Relays, April 28), an event it has won a combined 10 straight times at NCAA Division III meets.
- Skye Morrison broke the Division III outdoor long jump record (21-3½, Iowa Conference meet), while also recording the sixth-best triple jump (41-5)
- Sigmund and Enabnit posted the fifth (16:20.80) and seventh (16:25.11) best times in the 5,000 meters, respectively, in Division III history.
- Wartburg performers regularly defeated Division I competitors, most notably at the famed Kansas Relays and Drake Relays.



# CRAWFORD'S

## FAR-REACHING OUTLOOK

by Kristin Canning '14

**W**hat Richard Crawford '71 lacks in eyesight, he makes up for with ambition.

The 62-year-old Sioux City financial planner has had a lifetime of adventure and successes, despite losing his eyesight to a retina disease at age 10.

Crawford, who disdains the media's "constant negative news," has created his own website and a public-speaking career to "share the good news" with light-hearted speeches at commencements, banquets, religious events, and corporate meetings.

He volunteers for the National Federation of the Blind, mentors blind children, and works with their parents about raising them.

"I help create and find solutions to individual situations. I like giving and sharing," he said. "I even have a hotline number they can call at any time."

Crawford received the Handicapped Iowan of the Year from Gov. Terry Branstad in 1986 and the Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award from Tom Vilsack in 2000 for advocacy for the blind.

"Being blind isn't easy," he said. "It's a lot of work to make it in life, period, let alone if you're handicapped."

Crawford has made it — in many ways.

As senior vice president for R.W. Baird Wealth Management, he advises clients in 27 states and five countries, turning a potential handicap into a strength.

"I have more foresight than eyesight," he said. "I've built a lot of trust with my clients."

Crawford has met new clients in an unusual way.

"As a blind person, we're normally dependent on someone or public transportation to get somewhere, and we have to wait," he said. "I had the courage to hitchhike, and it let me go where I wanted whenever I wanted."

The drivers, he said, gained respect for his independence.

Crawford's outgoing personality stems from a childhood of playing and exploring outdoors. His parents didn't restrict him from much.

"My parents were too young and dumb to know I wasn't supposed to do things," he said. "What a blessing to have parents who didn't coddle me."

Crawford gained confidence from "just being a child" and playing with other kids. He especially enjoyed tag in the dark. With everyone's sight diminished, he excelled.

His father took him on hunting trips, but it wasn't until 2006 that he finally achieved his dream of shooting a buck.

"It was the highest, most powerful adrenaline rush I've ever had," Crawford said. "It's really not a story about a blind man shooting a deer. It's about trying to do things in our life. Having successes in life is such a thrill and confidence builder. It doesn't happen if you stay in the house."



Crawford

Crawford also enjoys walleye fishing, cross-country skiing, bowling, and reading.

He wrestled at Wartburg and graduated with two majors in three years. Wartburg allowed

him to be independent and trusted him to find his way around.

"Usually people put so many roadblocks in the way that it's discouraging, not encouraging," Crawford said. "Wartburg didn't put up a bunch of negatives. They said, 'Here's the task at hand, get it done.'"

Ironically, Crawford met his wife, Sara, on a blind date. They have three children and two grandchildren. His oldest daughter helps with his website and arranging speaking engagements. He set the bar high for his children.

"My kids say their worst handicap is their dad," he remarked, "because I expect a lot from them. But I don't ask people to do what I wouldn't do myself."

Crawford has earned respect and admiration from friends and colleagues.

"One of my friends said, 'When I first met you, I thought you were fantastic, but then I found out you were just fighting through life like the rest of us,'" Crawford said. "By not letting blindness hold me back, I am a better person in my mind and in my life." **W**

"I have more foresight than eyesight."

— Richard Crawford





# LIKE FATHER LIKE DAUGHTER

Morgan Phelps '12 and her father, the Rev. Kenneth Phelps '85, shared a passion for music at Wartburg

by Kristin Canning '14



Morgan and Kenneth Phelps

Morgan Phelps was worried when her family couldn't attend her junior vocal recital.

"I was so nervous. I didn't know what to think, and I really wanted my family to come," Phelps said. "But my dad has his way of doing special things, especially because I'm a daddy's girl."

Morgan's father found a way to get there. He reworked his schedule and drove from their hometown of Olympia Fields, Ill., to surprise her with a dozen roses.

"When she walked out to perform, she had the biggest smile. She did not break down," Kenneth said. "Morgan kept her composure, stayed focused and did an awesome performance. Afterward, she came and gave me the biggest hug and kiss. Unforgettable."

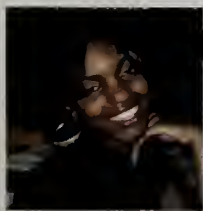
Morgan graduated from Wartburg in May. A month later, her father, senior pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Woodlawn on Chicago's South Side for 17 years, received his Doctorate of Ministry from Northern Seminary with an emphasis on preaching and pastoral leadership.

In addition, David Phelps, Morgan's brother, graduated from high school, en route to enrolling at the prestigious Berkeley School of Music in Boston.

When Kenneth attended Wartburg, he was one of 22 African-American students out of 900.

"There were challenges and difficult moments, but in retrospect, I thoroughly enjoyed my four years at Wartburg College," he said. "I was born and raised in Maywood, Ill. So, at first, Wartburg and Waverly were a culture shock. But eventually I got used to and began to appreciate Wartburg. Wartburg College changed my life."

Kenneth encouraged Morgan to look at Wartburg, but the final decision was hers.



"There are a lot of things that have given us a common bond that I will cherish for life."

— Morgan Phelps

"I was extremely excited and proud that she had decided to go Wartburg — not to follow in her father's footsteps, but to make an imprint of her own," Kenneth said. "I felt she made an excellent choice, and she has done an amazing job. I am a very proud papa."

Both were involved in Wartburg music programs.

"(My father) was a part of Castle Singers (as a drummer) when he was here," Morgan said, "and I was a part of Wartburg Choir, which were great experiences we've had here at Wartburg. They gave different opportunities to travel and use the gifts God has given us."

Kenneth, the lead field systems engineer for LexisNexis, which provides legal services research, is involved in a ministry initiative called the Jericho Project, working with men in the inner city.

"Our ministry motto is that 'the needs of the community shape ministry.' Currently there is a lot of violence in the streets of urban America, especially in the Woodlawn community. By virtue of its location, the CMBC has a tremendous opportunity to extend the love of Christ to the men here."

"I am committed to improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Woodlawn community, especially the least, lost and left out," Kenneth said.

The Jericho Project was inspired by the Biblical account of Joshua and the children of Israel possessing the city by marching around Jericho.

"We are believing, by faith, that God will restore peace to Woodlawn," Kenneth said. "We are attempting to possess or reclaim Woodlawn, for God's greater glory, block by block, as we march and shout. The men of the CMBC are leading the way."

A desire to serve others runs in the family. Morgan plans to work in the Chicago area helping children through music.

Wartburg has given them a special connection.

"I think Wartburg has given us a common heritage with Outfly, May Term, Black Student Union and music ensembles," Morgan said. "Every year I would call my dad early in the morning of Outfly just to scream 'Outfly!' on the phone and then hang up. We share our different memories of Outfly together and still have some good laughs."

"There are a lot of things that have given us a common bond that I will cherish for life." **W**



# ARTISTIC REVELATIONS

While inventorying its collection, Wartburg finds some surprises

By Saul Shapiro

Rembrandt van Rijn, Salvador Dalí and Alexander Calder, get out of the closet! Or the vault, as the case may be.

Works by those renowned artists — and many others — were stashed in Wartburg College locations from the Business Office's walk-in safe to various closets.

Now, the college is assessing what it has, what it will display, what it may sell, and it has unearthed a few surprises.

The focus on the art collection came to light this spring when the college installed four prints by famed University of Iowa artist Mauricio Lasansky on the third floor of the Vogel Library. The Holocaust-themed "For an Eye an Eye" panels were a gift from San Diego advertising executive William Fruchling '61.

"As part of its educational mission," said Wartburg President Darrel Colson, "the college wishes to enhance its art collection, expanding the accessibility and viability of the visual arts in higher education.

"By integrating art into the living and learning spaces on campus, students will be

exposed to ongoing, rich encounters with works of art utilizing a variety of media."

First, the college had to figure out exactly what it had and where it was. While some possessions were in the library, the president's residence and on display elsewhere, much of the collection was undocumented with whereabouts unknown.

Dr. Ferol Menzel, former dean of the faculty, got the ball rolling to inventory the collection and rediscover pertinent pieces prior to her retirement in June 2011.

"Credit Ferol," said Professor Barbara Fedeler, chair of the art department, "because she didn't want to see things locked away."

Robert Knox, who has been teaching 20th Century Art, Media and Design for the past four years, was hired to embark on what he described as a "treasure hunt."

"I tried to go into every building on campus, every room and every closet. I was climbing around in attics, cubbyholes, the basement, and going through boiler rooms," Knox said, crediting maintenance personnel for guiding the off-the-beaten-path trek.

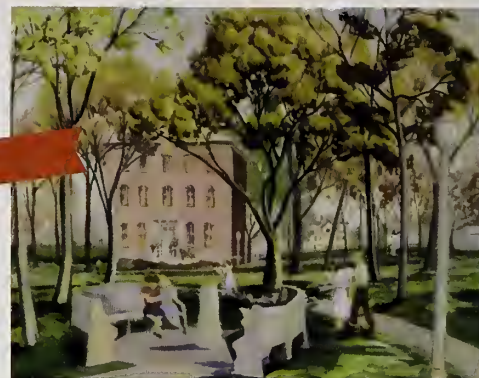
Knox was "amazed" by what he uncovered, including the Rembrandt, Dalí, and Calder pieces, and other noteworthy finds.

Dr. Steven Jobst, of Shell Beach, Calif., a pathologist and grandson of Dr. C.H. Becker, Wartburg's 11th president, donated the Rembrandt etching, "Lieven Van Coppenol, The Larger Plate," in 1992, as the first major gift of fine art to Wartburg College.

Over the years, it had become a campus legend — rumored but never sighted — while residing in the Business Office vault.

"There had been concerns about it being secure and in a climate-controlled environment," Fedeler said.

It is now on display in the Hagemann Castle Room, where access is limited but security is enhanced.



Helen Wright, 'Mail to Wartburg'

"This is an etching that Rembrandt didn't pull off the plate himself," Knox said, "but it was Rembrandt's plate and a print made in the 19th century. It's done on paper in black and white. The plates were saved after his death, and many of his etchings are called restrikes."

The Dalí was in the same vault, Knox said, "a print pulled by his hand." However, it needs some repair before it can be displayed because

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— President Colson

the matting was not acid-free, resulting in "little burn marks," Knox said.

The Calder assemblage was literally the biggest find — 4 x 6 feet. "It's a non-objective kind of a weaving — a cane, twine, and rope sort of a thing," Knox said. "The frame has a crack, but the structure is in perfect shape. By the nature of the piece — the fabric surface and all the cane work — it is so heavy that it's begun to sag a little bit. It needs to be restretched and reframed.

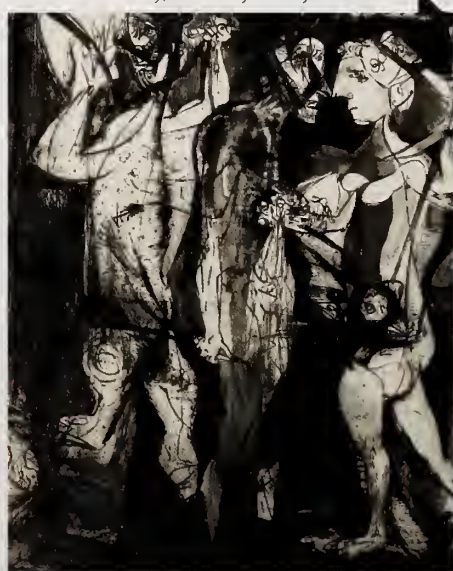
"It's probably the most valuable piece in the bunch," Knox added. Among his other finds are a 9th century Carolingian vase, an original political cartoon by Frank Miller, etchings by John Solem '59, and Polynesian pottery.

Knox had heard that Wartburg sold its New Guinea art collection to an institution with an interest in it.

"In the process of exploring the campus, one of the science professors came to me and said, 'You know, I think there's some art in the Life Science area storage.' Sure enough, there was a big chest full of Polynesian artifacts that they apparently missed the last time they wanted to sell things off," Knox said.

Now that the art has been inventoried, the next decision is what to do with it.

Mauricio Lasansky, 'For an Eye an Eye'







A 9th century Carolingian vase "is not tremendously pretty in the formalist sense, but it has some value from a historical standpoint."



Bowls and baskets collected by New Guinea missionaries.



An original political cartoon by the Des Moines Register's Frank Miller, who won the 1971 Pulitzer Prize.



Six etchings by John Solem '59, California Lutheran University professor emeritus of art, which Knox described as "gorgeous."



"In storage nothing good happens to art. It gets cracked; it falls off the shelf. It needs to be out where people can see it. So finding a secure area is necessary."

— Robert Knox

"My recommendation is that anything the college is not going to display should go to auction," Knox said. "In storage nothing good happens to art. It gets cracked; it falls off the shelf. It needs to be out where people can see it. So finding a secure area is necessary."

"(Wartburg First Lady) Christy Colson and I have been trying to figure out what should go where," Fedeler said. "We're trying to designate spaces that would likely be good places for art work — public spaces, alcoves, hallways, the library."

The college also is devising a game plan regarding art donations.

"We've had an unrestricted donation policy in the past," Fedeler said. "Anything that came in the door as a gift to Wartburg we would take, happily. But it can be a little problematic if there hasn't been a lot of documentation. Secondly, does that gift need to be displayed, and what are the terms of the display?"

Knox has recommended that art donated to the college becomes the property of the college to use as it sees fit. He has proposed that one individual become the point-person for all donations, obtaining the necessary documentation, recording where it is displayed or stored, auctioning undesired pieces, and retrieving pieces.

President Colson raised the possibility an art endowment to maintain the current collection and support future acquisitions during his remarks at the Lasansky installation.

A "dedicated staff person," he said, would be hired to maintain the art inventory, identify appropriate spaces for display and oversee "framing, mounting, and labeling art to improve aesthetic and educational appeal."

Fedeler cautioned, though, that the policy is still a work in progress with questions about maintaining, repairing, and acquiring art not yet answered.

Knox would like many of the unearthed treasures exhibited.

"I was amazed by some of the things that I was seeing in storage around campus and how many beautiful buildings here didn't have any art on the walls," he said. "So it seems like a natural thing in the evolution of the campus to document the stuff, get it out of storage and get it up somewhere." **W**

➔ View more of the Wartburg art collection at [wartburg.edu/artcollection](http://wartburg.edu/artcollection)



Becky Urlaub '08, 'Untitled'

Maynard Reese, 'Geese'





# Winners

## no matter what

by Kristin Canning '14

When Wartburg faces Loras College in athletics, Art '89 and Amy Sunleaf '90 don't have to choose sides. "When they compete against each other, I guess it's fair to say my team always wins," Art said.

Art was promoted to vice president for student development and dean of students earlier this year at Loras, where he's worked for more than 12 years. Meanwhile, Gov. Terry Branstad appointed Amy, who owns Sunleaf Consulting, a mental health care center, to the state Board of Behavioral Sciences.

As a former Knight, Art gets some grief from Loras colleagues. When he first started working at Loras, he would wear orange socks to support his alma mater.

"Over the years, my involvement with the athletic department at Loras has increased," he said. "At first I merely attended various athletic contests, then I started operating the score clock for home football games, later I became the P.A. announcer for women's and men's basketball games, and now I oversee the athletic department. Over time, I have become a Duhawk."

Amy said she "still sneakily wears a bit of orange when Wartburg comes to town. I will be a loyal Knight forever. I admit there are times when I'm wearing one of my Wartburg sweatshirts and then meet Art at Loras and hope I don't run into someone who will get offended.

"That said," she added, "last summer, I had to dig awfully deep in my drawer to find something to wear on the Wartburg campus that wasn't purple and gold."

That was when Amy took their oldest daughter, Maja, 17, to Wartburg for Iowa Private College Week. Amy said there's no pressure on Maja, Annika, 13, or Eliza, 9, to attend Wartburg or Loras, but her Wartburg visit was nostalgic.

"I couldn't help but whisper to her how the Buckmaster Room held a special memory for me, point out where Frisbee and laser tag were played, talk about the different performances at Neumann Auditorium, and share how I'd been editor of the *Castle*," she said.

"She rolled her eyes at my constant interruptions. I do think she forgave my ramblings when I took her to the Other Place II for cheesy bread though."

Art fondly recalls a Mensa dining experience. "I vividly remember seeing Amy across the cafeteria eating spaghetti and thinking I need to meet her. It was definitely a case of love at first sight for me," he said.

Amy was still at Wartburg for a year while Art attended graduate school at Michigan State, but he made a very special trip during Homecoming 1989.

"Before leaving Art got down on one knee in my Chellevoid suite and asked me to marry him," Amy said. "I was especially thrilled when after becoming engaged, President (Robert) Vogel came up to me during an Artist Series performance to offer me his congratulations."

Art's interest in working in Residence Life began at Wartburg. "My senior year, I was an R.A. on second floor Grossmann (now Founders Hall). That experience was so rewarding and felt like something I could see myself doing forever," he said. "After graduation, I began my career as a hall director of an all-male hall at Oliver College in Michigan."

Later, Art entered the college and university administration master's program at Michigan State University, where he became a hall director and then complex director.

The Sunleafs had decided to move back to Iowa to be closer to family when Art applied for and got the job as Loras' director of student life. In his new position, Art savors student success, while dealing with assorted misadventures.

"Watching students learn and grow as they navigate their college experience has been very rewarding," he said. "I feel privileged to have the opportunity to celebrate with students when they are at their best and help them when they are at their worst."

Amy had worked at a community mental health center until 2007, then decided to strike out on her own and have more time to volunteer for the Red Cross and attend the girls' activities. "I chose to take the leap of faith to be my own boss," she said.

She became involved with Iowa's Board of Behavioral Sciences, while recalling the difficulties switching her counseling license from Michigan to Iowa.

"It was a tedious and frustrating experience. I always thought I'd love to be a member of the board to help others navigate the experience with fewer frustrations," she said.

Art is working toward his doctorate in higher education leadership at Edgewood College with a predicted graduation date of 2014.

Even as a Duhawk, there are no hard feelings at Wartburg/Loras games. Art looks back at his time at Wartburg with fondness.

"The friends I made in college are still some of my favorite people today. Even though I don't get to see them face to face very often, when we do get together, it is as if no time has passed since we last gathered, which is what I consider the true definition of friendship," he said. **W**

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— Art Sunleaf '89



Amy and Art Sunleaf







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# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

## 1951

Dr. **MELVIN GLEITER**, Eau Claire, Wis., is the author of *A Brief History of Alma's Early Settlers*, now in its fourth edition. He gives yearly presentations at the Alma Historical Society.

## AUTHOR FOCUSES ON GUILT IN NEW BOOK

**LeRoy H. Aden '51**, professor emeritus of pastoral care at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, has released a new book, *Guilt and the Search for Fulfillment* (Cascade Books).

Aden, a religion major at Wartburg, examines "real-life situations as well as literary works to illuminate the concrete details of the struggle with guilt and guilt feelings," emphasizing that a "sense of guilt can warn us when we lose our way and can put us back on the road to restored relationships and genuine fulfillment" when its call is heeded.

Aden previously wrote *In Life and Death* (2005), *In Life and Death: The Shopping of Faith* (1996), and coauthored *Preaching God's Compassion* (2002) with Robert G. Hughes.

## 1952 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

## 1956

The Rev. Dr. **ROBERT VOGEL**, Denver, Colo., is interim president of Midway College, Midway, Ky. This is his fifth interim appointment since retiring as Wartburg president in 1998. He also served at Grand View College, Des Moines; Waldorf College, Forest City; Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan.; and Texas Lutheran University, Seguin.

## 1957 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

## 1962 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

## 1967 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

## 1972 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

**ANN BUNN**, Maynard, retired from 25 years of administration at Prairie View Management, Inc., which operates a residential care facility for adults with multiple disabilities and two waiver homes for people with Prader Willie Syndrome, as well as providing support services in the community. She is now consulting in these areas.

**LINDA BARNES TILLER**, Douglasville, Ga., was named Douglas County library media specialist for 2012-13.

## 1974

**JAMES ELLEFSON**, Marshalltown, took office Feb. 3 as district court judge in Iowa's 28 Judicial District, which encompasses 13 counties. A graduate of Drake University Law School, he has practiced law for 32 years, including six years in Eldora before moving to Marshalltown in 1985. He serves on the Wartburg President's Advisory Council, has chaired the Youth & Shelter Services of Marshall County for nearly 10 years, and has been involved for many years with the Lutheran Services in Iowa Foundation. He and his wife, Brenda, have two daughters, Sarah Ellefson Groth '11 and Rachel Ellefson '13.

## 1975

**LOWELL KUECKER**, Goodyear, Ariz., was named 2012 Teacher of the Year at Liberty School District, Buckeye.

## 1976

Dr. **MARK PETERSON**, Juneau, Alaska, completed his Master of Public Health degree at the University of Alaska in 2009. He retired from the Indian Health Service in December 2010 and now works as a locums physician. In 2011 he completed long-term assignments in New Zealand, India, New Mexico, and Minnesota. His 2012 schedule includes return assignments in New Zealand and India.

**GARY WIPPERMAN** and Kristen Briner, Cedar Falls, were married Feb. 10.

## 1977 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

**HOWARD BYE** and John Torre, Seattle, Wash., were married Sept. 9, 2011.

**MARK DAWSON**, Los Angeles, Calif., is director of external relations with the Oceanic Preservation Society, which produced the 2010 Academy Award-winning documentary, *The Cove*.

## 1979

**MARC** and **TONETTA STEINER MUELLER**, Tacoma, Wash., have returned to the United States after serving 11 years as missionary and teacher in Mainland China.

## 1980

**TERRY CLARK**, Chicago, Ill., was one of seven professors honored as 2011-12 Distinguished Faculty Members by City Colleges of Chicago, recognizing teaching excellence and service to students. Terry chairs the communications department at Kennedy-King College.

## 1981

The Rev. **RICK BIEDERMANN**, Burlington, is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church.

## 1982 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

## 1983

**JANET RANS**, Manchester, has been with Oracle, Inc., for 14 years as a software developer on the JD Edwards Product.

## 1984

**SARAH KENNEDY**, Brownsville, Texas, is a counselor at Miller Jordan Middle School, San Benito.

## 1986

**GARY JOHNSON**, Tomball, Texas, was invited to enter the Hearst Corp. biennial photography contest and had 16 photos accepted for judging. Winning entries will be published in digital and print catalogs and exhibited at Hearst's New York headquarters January-May 2013.

## 1987 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

## 1988

**LeANN BORNSTIEN ERENBERGER**, Cedar Rapids, was named 2011 Financial Advisor of the Year, an award reserved for those who excel in service to their clients and partnering with their fellow colleagues. She is a senior vice president and senior financial advisor with U.S. Bancorp.

**GAIL SUTTON**, Fairfax, Va., is director of the student centers at George Mason University.

**ART SATHOFF**, Fairfield, is superintendent of the Fairfield Community School District and fills the pulpit weekly at Fairfield First Christian Church.

## 1989

**ANGIE KILBURG DREIFUERST**, Rhinelander, Wis., was promoted to vice president of human resources/benefits/management information systems at T.A. Solberg Co., Inc., Minocqua.

**JOHN LOOS** and Bobbi Strong, Dakota City, Neb., announce the birth of John F. Loos III, Aug. 31, 2011. He joins Austin, 15, and Lindsey, 3.

**MARK** and Jackie **SAYLOR**, Creston, announce the birth of Luke Daren, Feb. 8. He joins Emma, 14, and Olivia, 5.

## 1990

**AMY CROW SUNLEAF**, Dubuque, was appointed by Gov. Terry Branstad to serve on the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science.

## 1991

**RYAN** and Nicole **ERICKSON**, Santa Barbara, Calif., announce the birth of Arlin, April 26, 2010. He joins Millie, 3½.

## 1992 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

**HEIDI WARD LaBOUNTY**, West Des Moines, was named 2012 Early Childhood Education Director of the Year by the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association.

## 1993

**DOUG** and the Rev. **JODI NEUMANN '99 HINRICHS**, Muscatine, announce the birth of Mackenzie Sue, May 4, 2011. She joins Brian, 23, Kellie, 19, and Alexa, 4. Doug is the elementary principal in the West Burlington Independent School District, West Burlington. Jodi is pastor of Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran Church.

**CRAIG TREPTOW**, Des Moines, is a senior programmer analyst with IMT Insurance, West Des Moines.

## 1994

**AMANDA BALVANZ** and Clayton Hinderaker, Radcliffe, were married Aug. 3, 2012. They have a son, Finnigan Dale, 3.

**MICHAEL BECHTEL**, Onalaska, Wis., was a finalist in the *La Crosse Tribune's* 2011 Person of the Year recognition. He also received the 2012 Gustav Ohaus Award for Innovations in Science Teaching for his summer course in zoology. The award included a monetary prize plus travel, meals, and lodging to attend the 2012 National Science Teachers Association convention in Indianapolis and \$1,000 worth of Ohaus balances for the school district.

Richard and **DEANNA SWARTZ MEYER**, Manson, announce the birth of Emily Martha, March 26. She joins Dylan, 5, and Logan, 3.

## 1995

The Rev. **REID MATTHIAS**, Laidley, Queensland, Australia, is a pastor in the Lockyer Valley Parish and chaplain at Faith Lutheran College. He writes a column for the national *Australian Lutheran Magazine* called "Little Church on the Prairie."

## 1996

**DARREN** and Elisa **BELL**, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Diego Elijah, July 2, 2011. He joins D'Angelo, 2.

**JUSTIN SMITH**, Beirut, Lebanon, is assistant principal of American Community School.



## 1997 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

The Rev. **LETA ARNDT BEHRENS**, Ft. Collins, Colo., is an associate pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. She joins Senior Pastor Michael Stadtmueller '96 and worship director Carrie Cooper Stadtmueller '97.

**SHANNON McNAMARA-SMITH**, Beirut, Lebanon, teaches in the early years program at American Community School.

## 1998

**ERIC** and Ryan **ALLEN**, Greenwich, Conn., announce the birth of Willa Cate, Jan. 10. She joins Sam, 4. Eric is brand manager, Lipton Pure Leaf (bottled iced tea) with PepsiCo.

## SMART DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS TANZANIA

**Smart Baitani** '98 has combined his skills in business and his love of music to create opportunities in his homeland of Tanzania.



Continuing a lifelong interest in music, Baitani directed a Swahili Choir in the Twin Cities while pursuing a degree in computer science at Wartburg. The former banker now divides his time between Minneapolis, where he earned an M.B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota, and his home community of Bukoba, Tanzania.

Baitani is executive director of COSAD, a nonprofit organization he co-founded in 2002, and chairman and CEO of Imuka, LLC, a marketing and technology company formed in 2010 to promote East African values and cultural creativity through music and social enterprise development.

COSAD oversees a variety health, water, economic development, and education initiatives. Imuka serves as a musical extension of this work. Baitani directs the Imuka Singers, a 30-voice choir that will tour the Midwest and Southern California for three months this fall, serving as cultural ambassadors and using proceeds from appearances to help support community health, education, and micro-enterprise initiatives in Bukoba.

Learn more about Baitani's work at [cosad.org](http://cosad.org) and [imukasingers.org](http://imukasingers.org)

**JESSE LEICHSENRING**, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., opened Leichsenring Law Office and also serves as a municipal judge in Wisconsin Dells.

**JOANNE OTTE** and Jason Millet, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Alma Cusack Otte-Millet, Feb. 21.

**HEATHER SIMPSON** and David Green, Bettendorf, were married in February. In April, she began teaching English in Tokushima, Japan.

# MORRIS' BILINGUAL BOOKS HELP YOUNG READERS

English and Spanish stories for ages 5-8 are based on her experiences

by Hannah Cox '13

**A**nn Morris '77 has taken a different tack with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish education by writing bilingual children's books. As a Spanish high school teacher, Morris said, "I was always seeking Spanish printed material for students, and I purchased my own collection of Spanish children's books to use as lesson supplements or as incentive readers."

She was inspired to write *Mikel y Mami Dan un Paseo* and *Mommy and Mikel Go For a Walk* — based on a personal experience.

"My son, Mikel, who is now an adult, and I went for a walk and encountered many things that interested him," Morris said. "As is typical of young children, he was very curious and somewhat impetuous. Then, he saw a mystery animal ... and my teaching experience took over by instinct."

The self-published books for ages 5-8 teach about nature and respect, while bringing attention to children's safety. The publisher's artist provided the illustrations.

Morris said native Spanish speakers can use the book to learn how to read, just as the English book is used for English language learners.

A trip to Pamplona, Spain, as a Wartburg student put her career goals into perspective.

"It was the most humbling, the most self-revealing experience of my life," Morris said. "After that I continued using my acquired language in each job I had, which introduced me to different Latino cultures and accents."

After teaching, Morris, a Humboldt native who has lived in the Des Moines area for the past 30 years, was employed by Iowa Workforce (now IowaWorks). She took calls in Spanish, translated manuals and documents and helped Latinos navigate the system. As coordinator of the New Iowan Center (now also part of IowaWorks), she did outreach to Des Moines agencies and companies.

Morris also has been active as a volunteer, working with groups that provide scholarships and resources to Latinos, including an effort to improve the Des Moines Library's Spanish-language offerings.



For more information, go to Ann's website at [annmorrisauthorsite.com/](http://annmorrisauthorsite.com/)



Ann Morris

## 1999

**ADAM** and Adrien **BELLIN**, Norfolk, Va., announce the birth of Samuel Wood, Sept. 6, 2011.

**JOHN** and Heather **BERGMAN**, Jesup, announce the birth of Brinley Kay, Dec. 25. She joins Kaylie, 5, and Jordyn, 3.

**KNUT ELVATUN**, Oslo, Norway, was elected deputy majority leader at the Southern Oslo local council (Labor Party).

Victor and **ANGIE WESTERMANN GUTIERREZ**, Cypress, Texas, announce the birth of Lucas Christopher, Oct. 10, 2010. He joins Victoria, 5.

**TREVOR SHANNON**, Burnsville, Minn., is controller with the Minnesota Wild NHL Hockey Club, St. Paul.

**ELLINGTON MILLER STARKS**, Rochester, Minn., received a 2011 Silver Award in the Editor's Letter category at the Minnesota Magazine and Publishing Association Excellence Awards.

Stacy and **LYNNE PETEFISH WILKENS**, Nashua, announce the birth of Sophie Renee, Sept. 26. She joins Madisyn, 9, and Hailey, 2.

## 2000

Roger and **MARNI KOOB BRITTON**, Rice Lake, Wis., announce the birth of Brody Roger, March 22. He joins Abigail, 3.

**PAUL** and **CARRIE ETHERINGTON SEBERGER**, Marshalltown, announce the birth of Peter Charles, April 3. He joins Aaron, 9, Ellie, 8, Isaac, 6, and Jacob, 4. Paul is an engineering manager with Fisher Controls.

Shawn and **STEPHANIE SMITH SPRENGER**, Arvada, Colo., announce the birth of Sophie Jane, Sept. 29. She joins Izzy, 5.

## 2001

Eric and **ANGELA PETERS HAND**, Papillion, Neb., announce the birth of Macklin David, Feb. 3. He joins Tyler, 3.

**KEEVAN SCHADLE KAESTNER** and **ERIC KAESTNER '02**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Kellen Michael, March 19. He joins Brody, 3.

**ERIN MADSON**, Cheyenne, Wyo., is a biological technician in the Wyoming Ecological Services branch of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Troy and Dr. **HALEY PLAUTZ OWEN**, Whitefish Bay, Wis., announce the birth of twin sons, Howard Frederick and Charles Thomas, March 11. They join Ivy, 5, and Ruby, 2.

The Rev. Matthew and **REBECCA MARTIN POOCK**, Evansville, Wis., announce the birth of Micah Thomas, May 7. He joins Eleanor, 2.

Dr. Benjamin and **MAGGIE COUSIN SQUIRES**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Molly Margaret, Dec. 14. She joins Malissa, 2. Maggie is director of corporate development at iwireless.

**MARK VAN GORKOM**, Ankeny, is in auto sales with Karl Chevrolet.



## 2002 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

**WES GADE**, Waverly, is a database systems administrator with Network Control.

**GRETCHEN BARTLETT HELTERHOFF**, Milwaukee, Wis., is a morning radio host on 94.5 The Lake, owned and operated by Journal Broadcast Group.

**MELISSA JAMES**, San Diego, Calif., received her Ph.D. in ethics and social theory from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.

Jesse and **ALYSA ASP LARSON**, Parker, Colo., announce the birth of Makayla, March 22.

Dr. **KASANDRA RILEY**, New Haven, Conn., is an assistant professor of biochemistry at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.

**KATIE SHANNON** and Travis Funseth, Ankeny, were married April 28.

Joshua and **CARY SCHROEDER SOLHEIM**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Mason Adam, Sept. 7, 2010. He joins Connor, 5. Cary is a social worker with the Transitional Care Unit at Mercy Medical Center.

## 2003

**BEN DIEHL**, Cedar Rapids, received his Master of Business Administration degree in May from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**NATHAN EBERLINE**, Shawnee, Kan., is associate legislative director and legal counsel with the Kansas Association of Counties.

**AMANDA GRIZZLE** and Andrew Hunt, Seattle, Wash., were married June 21, 2011 in Reykjavik, Iceland. In September, the Huntleighs moved to Seattle, where she is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting at the University of Washington.

## OUTFLY IMPORTED TO HIGH SCHOOL



Solon High School students got a taste of Wartburg's Outfly tradition May 2 when Principal **Nathan Wear '02** inaugurated "High School Hiatus."

Wear said the idea was based on Outfly, giving students a chance to socialize and build relationships. In Outfly fashion, Wear enlisted the help of several seniors to run through the halls and make as much noise as possible to announce the start of the half-day event.

On his blog, Wear wrote, "Once the rest of the student body got over the shock of the announcement, the fun began!" Students were not allowed to leave campus, but participated in activities such as a Bunco tournament, cupcake baking, and Dance Central for Xbox 360.

**JASON MORTVEDT**, Ames, is the digital marketing communications specialist at Mary Greeley Medical Center.

**JESSICA McANINCH MORTVEDT**, Ames, is a project manager at Global Reach Internet Productions.

**AUDRA RONSIEK OLSON** and **TRAVIS OLSON '06**, Hawarden, announce the birth of Kyler Vincent, April 23.

**SCOTT** and Erin **PATTON**, Iowa Falls, announce the birth of Brynn Danielle, Feb. 1.

**ANDY** and **JESSICA MENNEN POLLOCK**, Ankeny, announce the birth of Alexandra Lynn, Oct. 3. She joins Addison, 6, and Elisa, 3.

**ERIN SWANCUTT**, Indianola, was promoted to assistant director of career services at Simpson College.

**SUSAN THOMSEN** and John Heldenbrand, Ames, were married March 10.

Matthew and **JENNIFER ZUMBACH TYSON**, Chanhausen, Minn., announce the birth of Daniel Robert, Jan. 10. He joins Luke, 3½, and Ashley, 2.

## 2004

**SCOTT** and Kristen **ARTHUR**, Edgewood, announce the birth of Sienna Mackenzie, March 16. She joins Dayce, 2.

**ALAN** and Holly **BANWART**, Overland Park, Kan., announce the birth of Gideon Dean, July 2, 2011.

**AARON** and Alysa **COUNTRYMAN**, Fairfield, announce the birth of Channing Jay, Nov. 27.

**ANGELA HILEMAN** and Luke Webb, Cedar Falls, were married Nov. 19.

**ELIZABETH KELLY MURPHY** and **TIMOTHY MURPHY '05**, Atkins, announce the birth of Clare Margaret, April 25, 2011. She joins Bailey, 3.

Chris and **LORI WEBER SCHUTTE**, Jesup, announce the birth of Phoenix Matthew, Oct. 18. He joins Kalista, 9, William, 6, and Ruby, 3.

Josh and **KIM ESCHWEILER SHONKA**, Marion, announce the birth of Ryin Mae, May 5, 2011. She joins Ashtyn, 3½.

Dr. **JUSTIN** and Dr. Andria **SULLIVAN**, Kansas City, Mo., announce the birth of Margot Mae, May 22. Justin received his Juris Doctor degree May 5 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law with an emphasis in urban, land use, and environmental law.

Aaron and **MARY CHRISTOPHERSON TANK**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Oscar Wayne, May 2. He joins Ollie, 2.

Jacob and **ERIN SUTER THORIUS**, Washington, announce the birth of Jordan Miles, April 25.

**JENNIFER TIGGES** and Ryan Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn., were married April 14.

## 2005

Greg and **VALERIE WAIT HENNINGS**, Waverly, announce the birth of Kayla Betty, Aug. 22, 2011. Valerie also completed the requirements for Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

**LEE HODGIN** and Molly Malone, Bondurant, were married March 10.

**MEREDITH JOHNSON**, North Liberty, completed her Master of Health Administration degree at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She accepted an administrative fellowship at Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

**JAMIE** and **HEIDI FLICKINGER KELLEY**, Algona, announce the birth of Lillian Marie, April 1. She joins Micah, 2.

**JASON LAMPE** and Emma Rowland, Johnston, were married in June 2011. He is the technology leader with Capital View Elementary, Des Moines.

**JOSH MOEN**, Eden Prairie, Minn., was 15th overall and the fourth-best American with a time of 36:03 in the Lilac Bloomsday 12k, held May 6 in Spokane, Wash.

**KAMOLIDDIN** and Mushtari **NEMATOV**, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, announce the birth of Yusra Azamjonova, Dec. 7. She joins Mubinabonu, 4, and Abdurakhmon, 3.

**DRUPAL** and **ERICA HAUGEN '06 PATEL**, Nashville, Tenn., announce the birth of Jayna Renae, Nov. 3.

**TIFFANY TREANOR PINS**, Waverly, joined Ashley Rogers '08 and Will Kelly '10 as 2012 inductees into the Dubuque Wahlert High School Hall of Fame.

**WHITNEY RECH**, Grimes, is a client relations manager with Garland and Associates, West Des Moines.

Erik and **KATE DELP RISA**, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the birth of Collin, Aug. 3, 2011.

**JACOB ROSDAIL**, Winston-Salem, N.C., is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in documentary film at Wake Forest University.

**ADAM SANCHEZ**, Carlisle, is the boys' basketball coach at Washington High School, Cedar Rapids.

**PATRICK** and **BROOKE RAUSCH '06 TOOHEY**, Waverly, announce the birth of Shea Michael, April 13.

**CHRISTINA UFER** and Greg Wood, Rochester, Minn., were married Dec. 3.

**ELIZABETH CARR WILD**, Cedar Falls, teaches music at Southdale Elementary School.

## 2006

**ANDREA AULT**, Hiawatha, is a physician relations specialist at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids.

**ERIC** and **LAURA GUTH HANSON**, Waukee, announce the birth of Emma Rose, Feb. 27.

Matthew and **MIRANDA SPURGEON HAUGAN**, Parkersburg, announce the birth of Emma Kay, Feb. 10.

**LYNDSAY LEGEL**, Madrid, Spain, teaches English in Madrid.

Matthew and **ALYSSA BENVENISTE MORAN**, Grimes, announce the birth of Ava Danielle, Jan. 11.

Ben and **SHELBY SCHNEIDER VANDERWILT**, Oskaloosa, announce the birth of Brooklyn Rae, Aug. 21, 2011. Shelby is a supply management specialist with John Deere.

Michael and **KATHRYN MROZ WESTERN**, Waverly, announce the birth of Owen Michael, Feb. 16.

## 2007 CLASS REUNION, OCT. 19-21

Jake and **ELIZABETH STADIE BRUNS**, Walcott, announce the birth of Teagan Elizabeth, Feb. 12.

Dr. **NICHOLAS CARRUTHERS**, Brick, N.J., owns Integrative Wellness Group, Middletown.

**KRISTINA HAGEN** and Tyler Russell, Des Moines, were married May 5.

**LUCAS HELLING**, Altoona, is an associate attorney with Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, Fairfield.

**KATIE MEYER** and Brandon Babcock, Des Moines, were married May 12.

**WHITNEY MITVALSKY**, Waverly, is a public relations specialist with Hellman and Associates, Waterloo.

The Rev. **LYDIA POSSELT NELSON**, Hamilton Square, N.J., is associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, East Windsor.

**ANNINA RUPE**, Ridgeland, Miss., received her master's degree in biology and a certificate in Environmental Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from Western Illinois University in December. She is a GIS intern in the Southern Regional Office of Ducks Unlimited.

Tom and **ASHLEY TIESKOTTER SCHWEER**, Denver, Iowa, announce the birth of Estherlyne Georgiana, April 20. She joins Xavior, 5, and Kayden, 3.

**RACHEL SHELLABARGER**, Sunnyvale, Calif., is a civics instructor in the San Jose office of the International Rescue Committee.

## 2008

Dr. **CASEY BUNS**, North Mankato, Minn., completed a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in November from Northwestern Health Sciences University. He is practicing at Cornerstone Wellness Center, St. Peter.

Dr. **WILL FANGMAN**, Kalamazoo, Mich., began a three-year emergency medicine residency in July at Michigan State University's Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

**HEIDI GAULKE**, Shoreview, Minn., is a program associate at the University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management.

**KRYSTINA IRVIN**, San Antonio, Texas, completed a Master of Arts in International Relations degree in May from St. Mary's University. Her focus area was international development studies. She is working in the Dominican Republic as a team leader for Outreach360, a nongovernmental organization focused on international development through education.



## TRIO TAKES TO STREETS IN CANCER BENEFIT

Three 2008 Wartburg graduates will be off and running this fall through the streets of San Francisco to raise money in the fight against leukemia.

Jeree Bloom, Ashton Donahue, and Katie Dunn have joined the Leukemia Lymphoma Society Team in Training that will participate in the Nike Women's Half-Marathon in San Francisco Oct. 14 to raise money for LLS.

Each of the women has a personal story to motivate them. Bloom was diagnosed with melanoma at 24. "I've always wanted to find a way to give back to the cancer community and pay homage to the people who supported me during my struggle," she said.

Donahue lost an aunt to leukemia, and Dunn cited "a dear friend" who was diagnosed with cancer. "She fought her battle and won," Dunn added.

The trio has a fundraising page at <http://pages.teamintaining.org/ia/nikesf12/kdunnaovmz>. "Every bit helps," Bloom said.

The Rev. **BEAU NELSON**, Hamilton Square, N.J., is pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Airman 1st Class **MELISSA LACKORE RAGER**, Bellevue, is deployed in Southwest Asia with the U.S. Air Forces Central Band, Night Wing. She is a vocalist with the rock and country band stationed out of Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The band has a Facebook page, "AFCENT Band," and a website, [www.afcent.af.mil](http://www.afcent.af.mil).

**ASHLEY ROGERS**, Dubuque, joined Tiffany Treanor Pins '05 and Will Kelly '10 as 2012 inductees into the Dubuque Wahlert High School Hall of Fame.

**JESSICA SAUNDERS**, Des Moines, is a private voice teacher with West Music's Music Conservatory, Iowa City. She will start this fall on a Doctor of Music degree in vocal performance at the University of Iowa.

### 2009

**COURTNEY ANDERSON**, Ames, received her Master of Education degree in May from Iowa State University.

**BEN** and Brittany **BRANNAMAN**, Lisbon, announce the birth of Reese Renae. She joins Riley, 3.

**GARRETT CRISTESON** and Kelsey Ray, Clive, were married Aug. 27, 2011.

**EMILY DeLONG**, Iowa City, is pursuing a master's degree in library and information science at the University of Iowa.

**KATE ELLIOTT**, Waterloo, is the owner and lead photographer of Click by Kate.

**LINDSEY KIDWELL** and Travis Meade, Iowa City, were married Dec. 31.

**SARAH MOON**, Davenport, is a producer for KWQC TV-6.

**JODI KEMPEL MORETZ**, Cedar Rapids, is an assembly quality engineer with the 6R PDP Quality Group at the John Deere Tractor and Cab Assembly Operations (TCAO) in Waterloo.

Keith and **ALLISON STOBIE TENDALL**, Traer, announce the birth of Ryan Benjamin, Aug. 26, 2011.

**MAIT VITZTHUM**, Algona, is a quarterbacks coach at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.

**JEN WENDLAND**, Minneapolis, Minn., received a Certificate in Community-Based Development from Village Earth at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo.

### 2010

**MATT ADRIAN**, New London, teaches first grade at Clark Elementary in the New London Community School District.

**JESSICA BURRIER**, Cincinnati, Ohio, was promoted to marketing director at Advance Dentistry.

**BRADEN CLAASSEN**, Minneapolis, Minn., is a financial analyst with UnitedHealth Group, Golden Valley.

**SARAH ECKHOFF**, Littleton, Colo., is a graduate student in counseling and executive director of Traverse Operation, a Denver nonprofit assisting the homeless community.

**JENNIFER JONES** and Sergion Ruiz Aguilar, Waverly, were married March 26, 2011. Jennifer is communications director with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

**WILL KELLY**, Dubuque, joined Tiffany Treanor Pins '05 and Ashley Rogers '08 as 2012 inductees into the Dubuque Wahlert High School Hall of Fame.

**LEAH KING** and Bradley Eilers, Waverly, were married Nov. 19, 2011. Leah graduated in May with a Master of Arts in Education degree in postsecondary education: student affairs from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

### 2011

**BRITTANY BAER**, Ames, is a graphic artist with Gannett Imaging and Ad Design Center, Des Moines.

**BRITNEY BORCHARDT**, Mason City, is spending one year as a volunteer youth worker at at Bookham Baptist Church, United Kingdom.

**HANNAH BURGUS**, Mediapolis, works in client services with Self Care Decisions, Phoenix, Ariz.

**MAGGIE ERNST**, Sibley, is pursuing a master's degree in theology and ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, Wash.

**TIFFANY ESTES**, Clive, is a communications specialist with The World Food Prize Foundation, Des Moines.

**KELLY GOERDT**, North Liberty, is a marketing specialist with West Music Company, Coralville.

**MEGAN HERICKHOFF**, Elrosa, Minn., is an associate with American Income Insurance Company, Edina.

**JACOB HINRICHSSEN**, Rochester, Minn., is an analyst programmer with the Mayo Clinic.

**OWEN JOHNSON**, Urbandale, is a research software developer with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Johnston.

**JEREMY KOLTHOFF** and Alida Aberle, Quasqueton, were married April 14.

**AMBER McMAHAN** and Brian Stamper, West Des Moines, were married July 30, 2011.

**JOSH McROBERTS**, Norwalk, is a clerk specialist with the State of Iowa Finance Authority, Des Moines.

**CALEB MILLER**, Washington, is a branch manager for Community 1st Credit Union's Mt. Pleasant branch.

**LEANNA NELSON**, Ottumwa, teaches fourth grade at Douman Elementary School and coaches ninth grade volleyball/tennis at Ottumwa High School.

**TARA NICHOLS**, Dorchester, teaches eighth grade mathematics in the Thompson School District, Loveland, Colo.

**BRIANNA NIELSEN**, Davenport, is a morning show producer with KWQC-TV.

**ERIN PILCHER**, Manchester, is a marketing coordinator with XL Specialized Trailers.

**HAKKON ROSENDAHL** and Ashley Machin, Osage, were married June 24, 2011.

**TERENCE SWIMS**, Waterloo, is a music specialist with the Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence and a family coach with Life-line Resources. He is enrolled in a master's degree program and has his own touring music ministry, God's Promise Worship Ministries.

### 2012

**SAM ANDERSON**, Washington, D.C., is an intern with the Human Rights Campaign.

**RACHAEL ANDRESEN**, Hudson, is a transaction banker with First National Bank, Waverly.

**AMY BACKER**, Downers Grove, Ill., is an operations/product manager associate with MED Alliance Group, St. Charles.

**MacKENZIE BENSON**, Cedar Rapids, is a law student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**ANNE BERGQUIST**, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a pharmacy student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**NICOLE BETTERIDGE**, Decorah, is a global missions intern with Global Ministries, Laos.

**SARAH BLEVINS**, Waterloo, is an assistant exhibit curator with the Grout Museum District.

**SHUBIRA BOCKO**, Chicago, Ill., is a City Year Chica mentor/tutor with City Year Chicago.

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**MATTHEW CUNARD**, Shawnee, Kan., is a copywriting intern with VGM Forbin, Waterloo, Iowa.

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**TREVOR DETTMANN**, Grimes, is a salesperson with Roling Ford, Shell Rock.

**ALICIA DILLON-BAILEY**, Hampton, is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree in healthcare policy at Drake University, Des Moines.

**COLIN EGAN**, Waukon, is a business analyst with CUNA Mutual Group, Waverly.

**EMILY EIMERS**, Lone Rock, teaches first grade and co-coaches cross country in the Algona Community School District.

**EMILY FAUST**, Colesburg, is a graduate student in mental health counseling at Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash.

**TRISHA FEDERSPIEL**, Waterloo, is a volunteer with Americorps Vista, Dubuque.

**EMILY FELDMAN**, Dyersville, is a graduate student in clinical mental health counseling at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

**NICOLE FELTON**, Sleepy Eye, Minn., is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Washington University's George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, Mo.

**TREVOR FINCHAMP**, Altadena, Calif., earned an internship with CollegeHumor, a popular comedy website that produces original daily videos and articles.



**KYLE FLEMING**, Worthington, Minn., is a music therapy intern at the Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown.

**KELSEY FORD**, Maynard, is a physical therapy student at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

**JESUP FRITSCH**, Dubuque, is a graduate student in physical therapy at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

**JESSE FROEHNER**, Cedar Falls, is dental student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City.

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**LAURA GEHRING**, Waverly, is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

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**NATE GOTTSACKER**, Bloomington, Ill., is an underwriter with State Farm, Greeley, Colo.

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**MARJORIE HALVERSON**, Storm Lake, is a music therapy intern with the Music Therapy Center of California, San Diego, Calif.

**DANIEL HANSON**, Cedar Falls, is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

**STEPHANIE HECKROTH**, Grimes, works in account services at Two Rivers Marketing, Des Moines.

**JUSTINE HEINE**, Waverly, is an associate quality and process control supervisor with Hormel Foods, Beloit, Wis.

**JULIE HERDER**, Rochester, Minn., is a volunteer with Urban Servant Corps, Denver, Colo.

**LAUREN HILLS**, Minneapolis, Minn., is a graduate student in healthcare administration at the University of Minnesota.

**JORDAN HODGE**, Dubuque, is an account manager with HealthCheck360.

**SARAH HOFFMANN**, Farley, is a medical student at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

**ZACHARY HUFFMAN**, Nashua, is a Programmer 1 with CUNA Mutual Group, Waverly.

**KEVIN HUSS**, Ashton, is a manufacturing engineer with John Deere, Waterloo.

**KYLE HUSS**, Ashton, is a designer with Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc., Sheldon.

**MICHAEL JORGENSEN**, Clinton, is a medical student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City.

**SEAN KANE**, Waverly, is enrolled in the Osteopathic School of Medicine at A. T. Still University, Kirksville, Mo.

**ALLISON KLEIN**, Burlington, is a graduate student in recreation, parks, and tourism administration at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.

**PAIGE KLOSTERMANN**, Dyersville, is the marketing and public relations coordinator at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, Waverly.

**MARYBETH HEMPSTEAD KOBERNA**, Waverly, is office coordinator in the Center for Community Engagement at Wartburg College

**MICHAEL KOEHLER**, Washington, Iowa, is an intern at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany.

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**PAIGE LAKE**, Cedar Falls, is a lab analyst with TestAmerica.

**WHITNEY LARISH**, Lakeville, Minn., is a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**SYDNEY LoRUE**, Dubuque, is a veterinary student at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ames.

**KAYLEY LAW**, Marion, is a volunteer with the Urban Servant Corps, Denver, Colo.

**CADE LOGAN**, Davenport, is a student at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

**ANASTASIA LUNDT**, Pocahontas, is a pharmacy student at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, Iowa City.

**LAURA MACKEY**, De Pere, Wis., is working with Lutheran Volunteer Corps as a ministry assistant at All Peoples Church, Milwaukee.

**BRANT MARINE**, Williamsburg, is an accounting associate with Cargill, Cedar Rapids.

**KOLBY MASON**, Center Point, is a pharmacy student at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, Iowa City.

**SARAH MATT**, Clermont, is a graduate student in chemistry at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

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**MACKENZIE MOORE**, Cedar Rapids, is a medical student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City.

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**MATT OAKLAND**, Jewell, is a design engineer with CPM Roskamp Champion, Waterloo.

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**ROBBY SALMON**, Mason City, is a graduate student in pharmacy at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**JACOB SCHROM**, Janesville, Minn., is a manager in training at Menards, Mankato.

**JOHN SCHULZ**, Cedar Rapids, is a clinical research coordinator with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Mass.

**KATY SHEVEL**, Storm Lake, is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton Township, N.J.

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**REBECCA TALLMAN**, Cedar Rapids, is a graduate student in speech pathology at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

**ERIC THIELE**, Rothschild, Wis., is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

**MEGAN THOMPSON**, Fairfield, is a graduate student in physical therapy at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**CLAIRE TRAYNOR**, Star Prairie, Wis., is a music therapy intern with Unity Sunshine Program, Troy, N.Y.

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**CHRISTINA WALKER**, Aurora, Colo., is a graduate student in social work at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

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**KATHRYN WENDT**, Bettendorf, is a law student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**CHELSEA WIEGMANN**, Parkersburg, is a Title I reading teacher and head volleyball coach in the North Butler School District, Greene.

**RYAN WINDER**, Mount Vernon, is a nursing student at Grand View University, Des Moines.

**BRYAN WOODS**, Oelwein, is a high school biology teacher in the Atlantic Community Schools, Atlantic.

**ZACHARY YEOMAN**, Westminster, Colo., is an audit associate with GHP Horwath, P.C., Denver.

**JESSE ZUIDEMA**, Fulton, Ill., is a server/bartender at Louie's Backyard, South Padre Island, Texas.

**RACHEL ZYLSTRA**, Sibley, is a fashion merchandising student at Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles, Calif.



# IN MEMORIAM

## 1932

**ELEANORE YELDEN ROESLER**, Paullina, died Dec. 30, 2011. She was a longtime teacher and completed her B.A. degree at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. She taught for several years in Iowa, including her hometown of Earlville, where she also coached women's basketball, and in Minneapolis, Minn. After her marriage, she taught kindergarten and was active in the North and South Dakota congregations served by her husband, the Rev. Rialto Roesler. At age 90 she became one of the oldest patients to receive a cochlear implant at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

## 1939

**DORIS RUMBAUGH RADLOFF**, Fort Collins, Colo., died Jan. 4 at Good Samaritan Village. She taught piano and organ and was an organist and active in other church activities in the parishes served by her husband. After his death, she earned a master's degree in education at the University of Northern Colorado in 1974. She was principal at Foothills-Gateway Center from 1972 to 1981.

## 1940

The Rev. **RIALTO S. ROESLER**, Paullina, died Feb. 7. After Wartburg, he served 39 months in the Army Air Corps, then completed his bachelor's degree at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., and earned a master's degree in history from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. In 1953, he graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and subsequently served congregations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa. He was active in Lions, Kiwanis, and the American Legion and served as in interim and supply pastor in northwest Iowa following his retirement. His wife, Eleanore '39, preceded him in death in December 2011.

**LAVERNE PAUP THARP**, Ottumwa, died March 25 at Vista Woods Care Center. She was an elementary school teacher for several years. She spent most of her married life in Bloomfield, Iowa, where she was involved in her church, women's clubs, and band boosters, and was a 4-H leader.

## 1942

The Rev. **KARL LANDGREBE**, St. Peter, Minn., died April 29. A 1944 graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he served five parishes. After retiring, he moved to Tinley Park, Ill., where he was active as chaplain of the Rotary Club, maintained two nursing home ministries, served in pulpit supply, and presided at weddings and funerals until moving to St. Peter, Minn., in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Leota Fink Landgrebe '41.

The Rev. **NORMAN L. ORTH**, Tacoma, Wash., died Sept. 28. He completed a business degree at the University of Iowa and following graduation from the Coast Guard Academy, he served in the Pacific during World War II. Upon discharge, he enrolled at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. His pastoral career spanned more than 40 years and included service to six Lutheran churches in Oregon.

## 1944

Dr. **VINCE R. LABAHN**, El Reno, Okla., died April 12. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and earned a dental degree at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He practiced in Minco and later El Reno, Okla. He was an elder at his church; member and former president of the El Reno Kiwanis Club; former president of the El Reno Chamber of Commerce; and an active member of many other community and professional organizations.

The Rev. **FRED MUELLER**, Willmar, Minn., died April 13 at Bethesda Pleasant View Nursing Home. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he was ordained on June 16, 1946. During 36 years of active ministry, he served congregations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. During retirement, he spent 27 years as a supply preacher to more than 78 congregations. He held elected church positions in the Dakota and Minnesota Districts and in the Southwest Minnesota Synod, where he also spent three years as a full-time administrative assistant.

**DOROTHY SCHOOF MEYERHOFF**, Cedar Falls, died May 2, 2011, at New Aldaya Lifescapes. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business education from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. She taught at Cedar Falls High School for nine years and a spent 35 years as a tax preparer. She served on the board of Friends of the Library, Girl Scouts of America, and the the Iowa PTA and was a member of the American Association of University Women and Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

## 1945

**DONNA MAE BURMESTER**, Hampton, died Jan. 12 at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton. She worked for nine years at Ferris Nursery, one year at Davies Manufacturing, and 30 years at the Franklin County ASC Office prior to her retirement in January 1985. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, National Active and Retired Federal Employees association, and a camera club.

The Rev. **DONALD B. LOOTS**, Waverly, died March 20 at the Waverly Health Center. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, then served five congregations in Iowa before retiring to Waverly in 1993. He was a former member of the Wartburg College Board of Regents, past president of the Wartburg College Alumni Association, and former member of the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. During his years of ministry, he served on seven district committees and boards.

## 1948

The Rev. **LESLIE W. HUEBNER**, Olympia, Wash., died Sept. 6. A 1952 graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he was ordained as a Lutheran pastor and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lt. Col.

## 1950

**JEAN BECKER PRUETT**, Mesa, Ariz., died Sept. 14, 2010, at Chula Vista Care Center.

## 1951

The Rev. **JAMES D. ANDERSON**, Andover, Minn., died Dec. 10. He was a U.S. Army Chaplain for three years, then served 20 years as a chaplain in the Army Reserves. He served churches in Belgrade, Minn., New Richmond, Wis., and Minneapolis, Minn. After retirement, he was a visitation pastor at First Lutheran in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is survived by wife, Wanda Zell Anderson '52.

The Rev. **MARVIN J. GOLL**, Durham, N.C., died Jan. 8, 2011. He was a graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, and served churches in Verona, N.D.; Kewanee, Ill.; Palos Heights, Ill.; and 22 years at First English Lutheran Church, Peoria, Ill. After his first retirement, he served as director of fund development for Parkside Medical Services, Park Ridge, Ill., and as pastor at St. John Lutheran in Hartsburg, Ill. In 1994 he retired again and moved to Arizona, where he was active in the Care Ministry at Community Church of Joy, Peoria, Ariz.

## 1952

The Rev. **EVERETT PETER (PETE) WUEBBENS, JR.**, Poway, Calif., died Feb. 9. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, in 1956. Following his ordination, he was commissioned as a Navy chaplain, serving from 1956 until impairments from Parkinson's Disease led to his retirement in 1987. He was stationed in Newport, R.I.; Camp Pendleton, San Diego, and Coronado, Calif.; in the Western Pacific and on the USS HAMUL Destroyer Tender in the Pacific; and at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

## 1954

Dr. **DEAN R. ZIMMERMAN**, Highlands Ranch, Colo., died March 15. He was a professor emeritus of animal science at Iowa State University, Ames, where earned his bachelor's degree and Ph.D. and served for 34 years as a professor of nutrition. He is survived by his wife, Wendy Michels Zimmerman '54.

## 1956

**LOIS HEIN PAPAVERO**, Yorba Linda, Calif., died Dec. 27 at Evergreen Hospice Center of lymphoma/leukemia. She taught elementary school in Wayzata and Janesville, Minn. and was a consultant at Fairhaven Memorial Park in California for 15 years. She spent 16 years with Century 21 Realty before her retirement.

## 1957

**NORMA ZELLMER OLSON**, Omaha, Neb., died Sept. 26.

## 1958

**DORA "ANN" INGERSOLL KLINGE**, Iron River, Wis., died July 1, 2011, of brain cancer. She taught elementary school in Postville, Iowa, and Hayward, Minn., then moved in 1977 to Iron River, where she and her husband operated the Ideal Café and in 1986 opened Jim's Meat Market. She was active in her church and served for many years as a board member for the Memorial Medical Center in Ashland.

**CARRIE REISSETTER LANGHOLZ**, Sun City, Ariz., died Jan. 4. She was active at the churches served by her husband as a choir director, organist and pianist, bell choir member, program director for Stephen's Ministry, and president of ALCW. She also taught piano, organized a licensed preschool and was involved in the Sun City Lutheran Thrift Shop. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Ervin Langholz '56.

## 1961

**JAMES GRAVEN**, Greene, died Jan. 13. He earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1963 and practiced law for 35 years in Sac City and Early.

**LILLIAN LEVENHAGEN ELDRITH**, Asheboro, N.C., died Oct. 13 at Randolph Health and Rehabilitation.

**ROGER W. GUNTHER**, Buena Vista, Colo., died Sept. 14. After serving as an MP in the U.S. Army, he was employed by the Mason City Public Works department until the early 1990s.



## 1963

**LEON K. OLTMANN**, Parlin, Colo., died May 6. He taught and coached girls' basketball for one year in Clarksville before moving to Colorado, where he earned a master's degree in physical education and secondary administration from Colorado State University and coached freshman football. After a brief career in life insurance sales and management, he opened LKO Outfitters in 1980, specializing in wilderness experiences. He returned to education in 1986 as a high school athletic director and completed a master's degree in secondary administration at the University of Northern Colorado. During the next 20 years, he held administrative positions as principal, athletic director, and superintendent in South Dakota and Colorado schools before retiring from education. He then worked as director of the Yuma County Department of Social Services in Wray, Colo., and deputy director of Health and Human Services in Gunnison, Colo., until his retirement in 2010.

## 1964

**PHYLLIS AKERS BORLESKE**, Vinton, died Feb. 22 at Virginia Gay Nursing and Rehab Center following an extended illness. She taught English and speech in Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Minnesota high schools; became the first director of WAFER, an ecumenical food pantry in La Crosse, Wis.; was coordinator of the Congregate (Senior) Meal site in Mount Pleasant; served as office manager at the Swedish American Museum in Swedesburg; and represented the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger program. After retiring in 2007, she volunteered with Mercy Hospice of Cedar Rapids, became a Master Gardener and joined the Vinton Garden Club and Cottage Garden Society, participated in several local book clubs, and volunteered at Vinton's Palace Theatre. She was a longtime volunteer at the Midwest Old Threshers' events in Mount Pleasant, and volunteered in post-Katrina Gulf Coast hurricane recovery efforts through Lutheran Disaster Response. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Philip Borleske '63.

## 1965

**ROBERT BONE**, Pelham, Ala., died May 13 in Birmingham, Ala. He taught high school English and speech for six years in Cresco, Iowa, before spending more than 25 years as chief executive officer of chambers of commerce in Manchester, Iowa; Winona, Minn.; and Tallahassee, Fla. He also worked three years as executive director of the St. Paul (Minn.) Winter Carnival and with his wife owned retail stores in Florida for nine years. He ended his working years with USAir in Tallahassee, Fla.; Charlotte, N.C.; Philadelphia, Pa., and Knoxville, Tenn., retiring in 2007. He served as president and/or board member of more than 20 organizations, including Rotary, United Way, Jaycees, and community theatre. He was state president of the Iowa Jaycees in 1973-74 and won the Clayton Frost Award as one of the five best state presidents.

**ROSEANN SCHMIDT CARRISON**, River Falls, Wis., died Aug. 8. She worked as an ad writer, social worker, administrative assistant, and for 30 years at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. After her retirement, she farmed and made soap. She is survived by her husband, Dahn Carrison '65.

**SHERRY STEWARD ZIETLOW**, Urbandale, died May 2 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, following a two-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a teacher for more than 30 years and retired from Johnston Schools in 2006. Survivors include her husband, Paul Zietlow '65.

## 1967

**E. MELISE KARSTEN WELLS**, La Mesa, Calif., died Jan. 10. She taught in the San Diego City Schools Country Outdoor Education Program at both the Palomar Mountain and Cuyamaca Mountain sites. She was also manager and accountant for her husband's chiropractic office.

## 1969

**DONALD HATLEVIG**, Winona, Minn., died July 10, 2011. He retired on June 24, 2011, after 42 years with Watkins Products. On July 1, the motorcycle he was driving was broadsided, and he died several days later due to injuries sustained in the accident.

## 1970

**PHYLLIS SCOVILLE DEMRO**, Nashua, died March 27 at the New Hampton Care Center. After beginning her teaching career in a country school, she spent more than 20 years in the Marble Rock Schools and completed a master's degree at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

**MARK H. HOTH**, Little Rock, Ark., died April 8. He worked as a medical technician and then in medical sales. He retired after 25 years at Johnson & Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Sheryl Strayer Hoth '70.

## 1987

**DR. BRADLEY L. SCHWARTZ**, Sandpoint, Idaho, died Feb. 7 at home after a two-year battle with brain cancer. He completed his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Minnesota in 1991. After a three-year family practice residency in Boise, Idaho, he spent 18 years as a family physician with the Family Health Center in Sandpoint. He was instrumental in organizing a sister-congregation relationship between First Lutheran Church in Sandpoint and a church in Novgorod, Russia. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Klever Schwartz '87.

## 1992

**DENNIS (NIEDERMEIER) HOEFLE**, Ankeny, died Dec. 29 at Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, of a brain aneurysm. As a boys' high school varsity tennis coach in Ankeny since the fall of 1995, he led the team to nine conference titles, the 2003 Class 2-A state team title, and compiled a career record of 140 wins and 44 losses. He taught sixth grade social studies at Prairie Ridge Middle School and directed the Ankeny Park and Recreation and Ankeny Boosters tennis clinics each summer. He is survived by his wife, Valerie Foreman Hoefle '93.

## 2009

**AARON N. WERNIMONT**, Bloomington, Ind., died March 13. He was an optometry student at Indiana University and had married Kahri Heinemann '10 on Aug. 20, 2011, in the Wartburg Chapel. After transferring to Wartburg from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., he became a three-time wrestling All-American, won two NCAA Division III national wrestling titles at 157, and won his final 80 collegiate matches. He was an active member of High Rock Church in Bloomington and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities. He was training for a marathon at the time of his sudden and unexpected death.

## 2012

**MOLIE ANN ENWRIGHT**, Clinton, died March 15 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She was a member of the Knights women's basketball team in 2008-09. Diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in April 2009, she subsequently underwent a stem-cell transplant at University of Iowa Hospitals.

## FORMER BOARD OF REGENTS

**W. LOUIS BEECHER**, Waterloo, died at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home on April 30. A Waterloo attorney, he served on the Wartburg Board of Regents from 1980 to 1988 and was recognized throughout the area for his commitment to the growth and vitality of the Cedar Valley. He provided legal counsel and helped establish Black Hawk Broadcasting Company and local NBC TV affiliate KWWL, the R. J. McElroy Trust, and KBBG radio; twice engineered financing that helped save Rath Packing Company from closing until 1985; represented Deere & Company as it became the dominant industry and area employer, and handled site acquisition for all its modern-day Waterloo operations; handled legal work for the metro area's first shopping center, Black Hawk Village in Cedar Falls, and worked to develop Crossroads Center in Waterloo. He also served as behind-the-scenes mediator to resolve racial strife in Waterloo during the late 1960s, was a longtime board member and chairman of the National Bank of Waterloo; helped engineer state legislative changes that allowed for Waterloo's long-term lease of and improvements to what is now known as the McElroy Auditorium; was attorney for the Waterloo airport for 35 years; and was instrumental in a major estate gift for the Cedar Valley SportsPlex. He also served as chairman of the St. Francis Hospital board, trustee for Iowa College Foundation, and director of A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing Co.

## FORMER FACULTY

**PHILIP JUHL**, a full-time member of the Wartburg social work faculty from 1975 to 1980, died Jan. 21 at his home in Waverly. He was 85. After service in the U.S. Navy, he earned a bachelor's degree at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and completed a Master of Social Work degree in 1953 at the University of Iowa. He began his career as a juvenile probation officer for Hennepin County, Minn. After working as a counselor at Glen Lake County Home School for Boys and assistant superintendent at the Minnesota State Training School for Boys, Red Wing, he became superintendent of the Iowa State Juvenile Home in Toledo. Following his years at Wartburg, he worked as a mental health and substance abuse counselor in the Cedar Valley.

*Yesterday is a memory,  
tomorrow is a mystery,  
and today is a gift,  
which is why it is called the present.*



*What the caterpillar perceives is the end;  
to the butterfly is just the beginning.*

*Everything that has a beginning  
has an ending.*

*Make your peace with that  
and all will be well.*

*— Anonymous*



# A Celebration of Student Achievement

Wartburg students display innovative research on RICE Day

by Saul Shapiro

**T**he inaugural Research, Internship, and Creative Endeavor (RICE) Day on April 11 celebrated academic excellence, innovation, and enterprise.

"Every department has been doing some really interesting student research, but we didn't have a venue to share everything on one day," said Dr. Roy Ventullo, professor and Burk-Will Chair in Biology and director of undergraduate research. "This was an opportunity to show what we do and how well we do it."

More than 400 students gave oral, poster, artwork, and documentary presentations — an eye-opening opportunity to take in the

diversity of academic achievement.

"For faculty members, seeing our students doing other things on campus — whether a service project or in the music department or giving a talk in another language — was really mindboggling," Ventullo said.


"The quality is high," he added, "and there's the confidence gained doing these presentations. Our students have the ability to talk about what they've done, and they're excited about it. That will pay off in how they interview and interact with the people."

Dr. Fred Ribich, interim dean of the faculty, cited the value of the students' research.

"There are so many levels to the learning

that occur as a result of this kind of work," he said. "Intellectual skills like critical thinking, analysis, and problem solving are deepened and refined; emotionally students grow in their frustration tolerance and sense of commitment to seeing a project through to completion; and, physically, one's stamina, resourcefulness, and project execution skills are fortified."

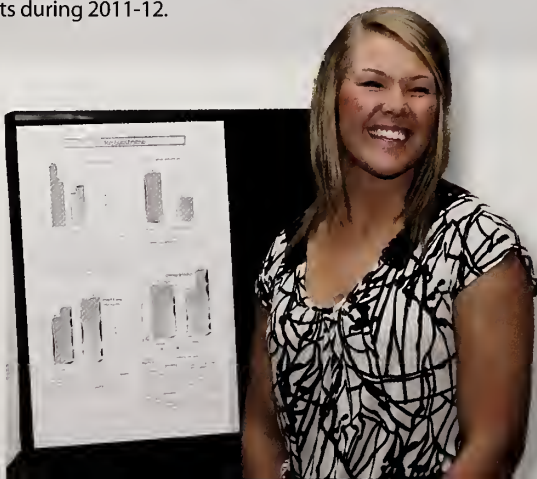
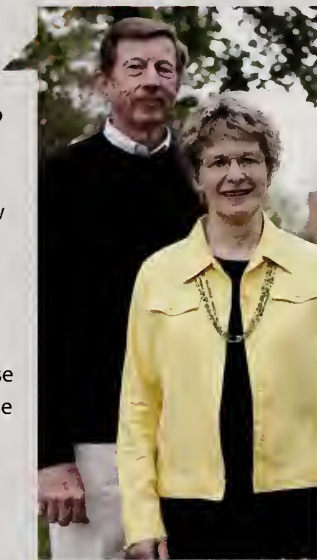
"This one experience embodies the 'total package' of what college is about: educating the whole person."

RICE Day activities were supported, in part by the Dr. Ferol Menzel Endowment Fund for Undergraduate Research. 

## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

"Today students are encouraged to participate in service projects to aid others in many parts of the world. These projects set you on a course to bear fruits of service and leadership that have become characteristic of Wartburg College students. We know this is in addition to the rigorous course work that leads to a degree. So today we celebrate, not only the fruit of your bright futures, but also the generous bearing of fruit by those who fund scholarships to help to ease your financial burden. Sometimes these relationships between donor and student develop into lifetime connections — sometimes even job opportunities!"

— Harry '66 and Elle '66 Blobaum at the annual Scholarship Luncheon on RICE Day recognizing 393 named scholarships awarded to 462 students during 2011-12.



## SAMPLE PROJECTS:

**Art** — "Andy Warhol: The Pope of Pop," "Max Brodel: Bridging the Gap Between Art and Medicine," "Mark Zuckerberg: The Man with the Most Friends."

**Biology** — The prohibitin protein as associated with tumor development and/or progression in some breast cancers and protein 53 as a tumor suppressor involved in preventing cancer; the effects of caloric restrictions on diet; enhancing student nutritional understanding.

**Business** — The impact of long commuting; the FBI fighting financial crime; telework changing the business culture; and eliminating poverty in developing countries.

**Communication arts** — Documentaries ranging from a revisionist look at Watergate's Woodward and Bernstein to "the Bay of Pigs media myth."

**English** — From superheroes and werewolves to humor and spelling.

**History** — The Boston Tea Party, Valley Forge, dropping the atomic bombs, and anti-German sentiment in Bremer County during World War I.

**Modern languages** — Latinos and the move to Protestantism.

**Music** — Music therapy with older adults, music videos as therapy, personality and musical preferences, and measuring a nation's pulse by its music.

**Psychology** — Perfectionism and body-image dissatisfaction, serial dating, birth order and sibling rivalry, and sexual risk-taking.

**Religion and philosophy students** — Atheism, Scientology, and the Dogon and Mayan religions.

**Scholar's program** — Female fantasy figures and female readers, and an analysis of Major League Baseball fields.

**Social sciences** — Perceptions of Stephen Bloom's view of Iowa, gay marriage, Christian ethics, international debt-reduction policies.

**Sociology** — Gender in college basketball, minority-student perspective on college stress and diversity in sports advertising.



## REGENTS' CHALLENGE:

# LEADING THE WAY

## New Annual Fund Record Of \$1,174,090

Spurred by the Board of Regents' \$250,000 Challenge, the 2011-12 Annual Fund set a new standard for success.

The gift from the regents — matching all new and increased gifts to the Annual Fund, scholarships, academic programs, and co-curricular activities up to \$250,000 — prompted new giving of **more than \$367,000!**

"We are so grateful to the alumni who generously met the Board of Regents Challenge," said Regent Jon Volkert. "Alumni support is critical to the success of the college going forward. More importantly, it's a validation of the value of the Wartburg experience. We are extremely appreciative of that support and look forward to its continuation during the second year of the Board of Regents Challenge and into the future."



Jon Volkert '67

	DONORS	GIFT TOTALS
New Gifts	1,705	172,301
Increased Gifts	1,194	191,310
Total Challenge Gifts	2,899	363,611
Board of Regents		258,629
Total Impact of Challenge		622,240

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR SUMMER 2013?

*Make plans to join the Wartburg Alumni and Parent Relations' 'NonTourist Tour of Alaska' led by former Alaskan resident Dr. Tim Ewest.*

*Open to any member of the Wartburg community. Details to come.*

## SAVE THE DATES

### Oct. 13-14

#### FAMILY WEEKEND

##### *President's Tailgate*

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Campus Mall,

##### **Football vs. Luther**

Saturday, 1 p.m.

Walston-Hoover Stadium

### Oct. 14

#### *Artist Series*

Simon Estes' "Roots and Wings" college scholarship benefit concert also featuring the Wartburg Choir and Bremer County high school honor choir  
Sunday, 3 p.m.  
Neumann Auditorium

### Oct. 18-21

#### HOMEcomings WEEKEND

##### *Kastle Kapers*

Thursday-Friday

##### *Parade*

Saturday, 10 a.m.

##### *Football vs. University of Dubuque*

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Walston-Hoover Stadium

##### *Wartburg Community Symphony*

Saturday, 8 p.m.

Neumann Auditorium

### Nov. 30-Dec. 3

#### CHRISTMAS WITH WARTBURG

*Friday, Nov. 30* — Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Dec. 1* — Neumann Auditorium, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Dec. 2* — Neumann Auditorium, 3 p.m.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

# The **Marcus Newsom** Sextet

*Wartburg's track and field coach  
displays the six women's NCAA*

*Division III team titles –*

*indoors ('09, '10, '12)*

*and outdoors ('05, '09, '12)*

